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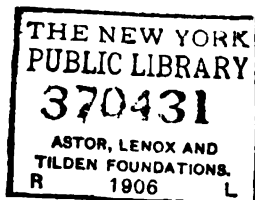
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NOTICE.

THE following Memoirs of the Reign of KING JAMES THE SIXTH in Scotland will, it is hoped, not be considered an uninteresting addition to those contemporary narratives, in which the general historian finds a valuable source of information. They were published at Edinburgh in 1755 by Walter Ruddiman, in a most unpretending volume, after being reduced into what was probably deemed a more popular form, by a sacrifice of the genuine language and original style, which greatly diminishes their attraction to the antiquary.

So far as can be discovered through the transmutations which the text has thus undergone, that edition appears to have been printed from a manuscript now in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates, (W. 6. 15.) which is evidently in more modern language and handwriting than those of the sixteenth century. This supposition acquires some confirmation from the circumstance, that both in that manuscript, and in Ruddiman's publication, the narrative of the Gowrie conspiracy, attributed to the pen of James the Sixth, has been appended to the Memoirs. Another manuscript has been found in the collection of the Right Honorable Lord Belhaven and Stenton, in a hand apparently of that century, and undoubtedly earlier than that of the manuscript in the

Advocates' Library. The difference of dates of these two copies is farther ascertained by the dissimilarity of language and style. This is so great, that it would be difficult to find ten consecutive lines which exactly agree. In some instances omissions occur in the later manuscript, and there are frequent interpolations, sometimes of dates or designations of persons, in other cases of sentences or even paragraphs. From the internal evidence thus afforded, it appears likely that the transcriber of this manuscript has altered and added to his information from other sources. Upon the whole, it has appeared more desirable to follow the earlier and more genuine manuscript in the present reprint; but an Appendix of Various Readings distinguishes every variation and interpolation of any importance to the sense, which occur in the other manuscript; to have marked every omitted passage and verbal alteration, would have needlessly swelled the limits of the volume, and exhausted the patience of the reader. To illustrate the description thus attempted of these manuscripts, fac-similes are given of a corresponding passage from both, and also two specimens of David Moysie's autograph, from the originals preserved in the Register House.

Neither of the manuscripts so frequently referred to, throw any light upon the authorship of these Memoirs; and the quaint dedication to King James, by his "Majesty's own old man and humble servant," which is prefixed to the former edition, has no existence in the original, and indeed bears internal proofs of forgery. It appears, however, that David Moise [Moysie] was known to Nicolson as the author of a historical work, which the Doctor classes with those of Habakkuk Biret [Bisset] and John Colum, as "hard to be met with," (*Scot. Hist. Lib. folio edit. p.p. 45, 46.*) In the absence of direct evidence, the Editor has no wish to deprive his book of its supposed parentage, and has,

with the kind assistance of Mr Macdonald of the Register House, collected a few notices of David Moysie.

The orthography of proper names was formerly little attended to in Scotland, and was often varied at the caprice of the writer. The case of the author is however remarkable, in as far as his surname has not till now been correctly given to the public. Nicolson, as has been shewn, calls him MOISE, and in the former edition of these Memoirs, he invariably appears as DAVID MOYSES. The latter name is found through a long tract of time among the burgesses of Aberdeen, but the Editor is not aware of any other instance in which that of MOYSIE occurs. MR DAVID MOYSIE exercised the professions of Writer and Notary Public in Edinburgh, during the former part of the reign of James the Sixth. In 1577, we have him in the latter capacity attesting the subscription of David Andersoun, to a lease granted by James Bannatyne of the Kirkcoun of Newtild. Not long after this date, he was employed in the offices of state, in which he continued to labour, though apparently without attaining to any considerable promotion. Various notices of his occupations and emoluments occur between 1582 and 1601, in the Treasurer's Accounts, the Register of the Privy Seal, and *passim* in other records. During the former portion of that time, he was occupied as a Clerk of the Privy Council; of the few notices of him in that capacity which remain, the following are selected from the Treasurer's Books, 1586.

“ Item, to Daid Moyfie for his lawbouris be the laid space, [the year 1586,] vj lib. xij s. iiij d.

“ Item, to Daid Moyfie daylie occupeit in writting of the effairis of the secreit counsale vnder Johnne Andro, for his grite panis and

travellis, and for his yeirlie allowance omittit in the last compt of the lxxxij and lxxxiiij, lxxx lib. and for the lxxxv yeir, compted xl lib. inde j^c xx lib.

“Item, be his Maiesteis precept to David Moyfie writtare, for the support of his charges sustenit in the continewale attendance vpoun his Hienes at court, as the same producit beris, lxxvj lib. xiiij s. iiij d.”

At a subsequent period, in 1596, we find him in the Secretary's department. Several letters of this date which have been preserved, open up some of the mysteries of that office, and shew among other things, that Mr David was not indifferent to the emoluments of his situation. These letters, with a memorandum by Alexander Hay, Clerk of Register, serving to illustrate the division of labour and of fees, are appended to this notice. Along with them is given a letter from Mr Hercules Rollok, which, besides news of official interest, gives some insight into the chit-chat of the day.

Of the private and domestic history of David nothing is known, except that on the 3d August 1584, a letter passed under the Privy Seal “to David Moyfie sone lauchfull to David Mosey wrettar, gevand, “grantand and difponand to him during all the dayis of his lyfityme, “for his helpe and sustentation at the schoolis, and educatioun in vertew “and guid lettres, all and hail the few maillis of the commoun landis “of the kirk of Dunkeld, callit Foffartie and Babewlie, extending to “threttie tua pundis money of this realme.” David the son having died soon after the date of this grant, it was renewed to his father, 19th February 1584-5.

With this meagre introduction of the author, the reader is left to improve an acquaintance with him through the medium of his book.

As the narrative of a contemporary, and probably often of an eye-witness, it is not without value; but its chief interest will be found to consist in graphic delineations of daily occurrences, and in minute touches of character and manners, such as cannot enter into the more comprehensive compositions of the historian.

The Act of Privy Council, which changed the commencement of the year from the 25th March to the 1st January, and which is referred to at p. 166. of the Various Readings, is subjoined in the Appendix from the original record.

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APPENDIX.

I. [DAVID MOYSIE TO SIR JOHN LINDSAY OF MENMURE SECRETARY ?]

MY LORD, pleas your L. : according to directioun I presentit to his Majesteis hand, and obtenit subscrivit the tua letteris to be sent to Flanderis anent the Erll of Errole. I have formit his Majesteis anfuer to the Conservatour, quhilk your L. fall reffave with the rest. The penaltie of the last act of cautionarie fund be the Erle of Errole at Abirdene is fourtie thowsand pundis, quherof Johnne Andro (quha hes the actis) can resolve your L. He fould forme that act of cautionarie craved for Errole now : yit I have formit the same according to your L. informatioun ; quherin gif ony thing wald be helpit, lett the same be done be Johnne, for he is best skillit in they materis : His Majestie will have the same pane, and the famin cautioneris contenit in this act that wes in the formar. His Majestie hes tald me, that the thesaurar hes that letter quhilk wes writtin be the estates of Zeland. I deliverit the copy of the cockalane to his Majestie, quhilk almaist nevir cummis out of his handis. His Majestie is heichlie exasperat aganis the makares ; God send him knaulege, for thai deserve seveir punisshement. His

Majeftie fend for fum of the fpeciall hornaris at his being in Dundie, bot few compeirit, faiffand the maifter of Gray and thre or foure ma, quha fatiffait his Majeftie be relaxationis. Na ordour taiken with the non compeirrantis, bot that the maifter of Gray as fhereff, (quha hes promittit as I heir to cum to his Majeftie at Falkland,) falbe appointit to mell with thair houffis. I reffaved not your L. packett quhill our cuming out of Dundie, on Fryday laft about tuelff houris at the watter fyde, fwa that the greit ftorme fenfyne and our dalie travelling hes bene the caus of the not returne of anfuer, quhilk it will pleafe your L. to excuis. And fua, my maift humyll commendationis of fervice remembered, I commit your L. hartlie in Godis tentioun : from Dumfermling, this viij of Auguft 1596.

Your L. awin man and feruand,

DAUID MOYSIE.

II. TO MY VERRIE GUD LORD AND MAISTER MY LORD SECRETARE.

MY LORD, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun of fervice: I reffavit your L. ticket fra Dauid Moyfie to deliver to him fyftie merkis, quhilk I haif done fenfyne. Mr Robert Gudlad hes inquirit of me, gif I knew quhat was wont to be his fie for ferving in that part of the office; fa far as I can underftand, your L. prediceffour gaif him out of his awin purfe ane hundreth merkis be yeir at twa termes. The tyme that Dauid Moyfie reffavit fra me fyftie merk, he wes complenand it wes fa littill, that he could nocht weill ferve for fic small fowme; had he nocht had that office, he wald nocht have kepit it without greter commoditie. I anfuerit him, it was the office brought him in accompt, and maid him

the man he was, and sa fould nocht difdane his fervice, and compt it fa littill. Alwyife my L. gif he will nocht ferve for fic fowme as your L. lykes to gif him, your L. will get anew to do the turne alfweill as he ; your L. knawis weill aneuch quhat to do. Sua committis your L. to the protectioun of almychtj God : Off Edinburgh, 24th Auguft 1596.

Your L. fervand at al power,

J. LAING.

III. TO THE RICHT HONORABLE MY SPECIALL GUDE LORD AND
MAISTER, MY LORD OF MENMURE SECRETAR TO
OUR SOVERANE LORD.

PLEIS it your L. ; your laft Danifhe difpeshe imbarkit upon Fryday laft at efternone, and gif the winde continewe in this airth as it hes done fenfyne, may be at the ambaffadouris the morne at evin.

Anent David Moyfies fie, I can fend your L. na uther certanetie nor I have be his awne report, quhilk is, that he had yeirlie payit him be your L. anteceffour ane hundreth merkis, be precept anis in the yeir to Mr John Layng ; quhilk in my tyme was onelie fourtie pundis, and that rather fet down to me at my firft entrie be the laft clerk of regifter, as ane dewe pertenyng to that fervice, nor that ever I maid reknyng of the payment of it, ather in my L. Dunfermlingis or the Chancellaris tymes, as being content, rather to have bene furthered be thame to any cafualitie that occurrit, nor to have bene that burdenable to any of thame in thair particuler. Quhilk David Moyfie fall rather chufe, gif he will follow my advife, speciallie fen the fervice felf is nocht fa barren, as may give any diligent attendar occafioun to be ower earnift upoun a

hie, depending simplie upon his Majestie's liberalitie, as ever it be. I think the richt of this incloft order, set down be his ane hand at my first entrie to that service, may with gude reasoun reinge him to the first allowance ; namelie respecting the hundreth pundis quhilk he hes payit him be the thesaurer, quhilk in my tyme excedit nocht thrie score, as heir your L. feis, and quhair of I never relavit ane denier.

This uther letter is the copy quhilk he sent me of his Majestie's anfuer to the Quene of Inglandis laft, written with his Hienes hand. I have comandit a filver pen for his Majestie, quhilk wilbe ready this oulk anis.

Swa to your L. nixt occasioun, I humblie tak my leve, at my hartiest commendatioun of service, committing your L. to the cure and comfort of that almychty phyfician, quha keip yow ever in his protectioun. From Edinburgh, this tyifday.

Your L. humble and loving fervant,

M. G. YOUNG.

IV. ALEXANDER HAY CLERK OF REGISTER, ANENT THE DEPUTES OF THE SECRETARIE.

THE Secretair thir findry yeirs bigane hes had tua deputis resident at court.

The ane clerk to the Counsale, quha had ordinarlie xij li. x s. in the moneth paid be the thesaurair, extending in the yeir to j^e and l li. This office wes first broukit be William Maitland thereafter Secretair, then be Johnne Johnnestoun, then be Alexander Hay, and now be Johnne Andro.

The uther may be callit properlie the Secretaris Depute in the Secretary, and is in effect equall with the other in ordinar commoditie paid

in this maner ; xl li. be my Lord Secretair at Witfunday and Martimes ; lx li. be the thesaurair, quhilk wes a penfioun grantit to Sir Neill for paper, ink and walx furniffing ; and the proffite of the court signet, estimat worth l li.

The last yeir I appointit Mr Johnne Andro, that we fuld be equall partiners in bayth, and ather of ws to serve ordinarily our moneth about.

Off lait yeirs I had a penfioun grantit unto me out of the thriddis, as Johnne Andro had ane likuife, bot the storme of revocationis hes drevin that welth away. We had likuife bushe in court quhen we lykit to await theron, bot I forbure to feik it ordinarily quhill I had seene ane ordour.

V. TO MY SPECIALL GOOD LORD MY LORD SECRETAR.

MY LORD, eftir maist serviable falutations : My bil anent Mr William Borthuik, sould have bene send the nixt day eftir my cumming heir, with Mr David Lindfaye, quhae disappointit me contre his promise, and suae it cam lait to your L. Your letter for answer thair of, wes deliverit to Mr William : quhat effect it workis I knawe nocht, for he is rwid and farrousche ; bot my man is presentlie in Dundie, to bring that silver heir, quhilk I look for schortlie. As to your L. former bil to me, anent Patrik Murrayis dispesche to the northe, I wreat na answer thertil, because I lookit daylie to have cum thair, with all the peices of wreatis touthing that purpose, to have bene revifit and reformat be your L. ; bot feing we have done that maiter among our felfis to our awin contentment heir, we thocht it nocht neidful to trubbil your L. forder thairwith. We took in sum pointis avyement of his Ma-

jestie, and in sum thingis consultit with the advocat. Patrik and I per-
 formit the rest, be the formalitie of Jhon Andro and William Wealie in
 maner following. We have alterit nae thing of your L. informations
 or injunctions to Patrik, except we have expressit the names of sex bar-
 rons, or onie thrie of thame; sex ministers, or onie three of thame,
 quhae fuld be on my Lord Huntlies counsal in his wechtie adois. The
 cheif commissioun that Patrik Murray caries with him contenis tuae
 heidis; the ane is, that the thrie erlis at his ficht in name of his M.
 satisfie al the conditions and injunctions of the Assemblie, before thay be
 relaxit frae excommunication: the wther is, that the said Patrik, juning
 with him certan appointit ministers, pacifie all the feadis and debeatis
 in the northe; at least put thame al wnder assurance for ane year, til
 thaye be agreit with better leafur. And we have maid three of thir
 commissiouns, ane for ilk erle, sumquhat different in the first head, becaus
 the conditions of the kirk touchis thame nocht al equalie; and in the
 commissioun anent the Erle of Angus, the secund head is nae way tout-
 chit, becaus we knawe of his fead with nae man. Nixt, he caries with
 him thair three letteris of protection, to be daitit and publiit eftir the
 excommunication be lowfit. Thridlie, thrie obligations of the generall
 band, to be subscrivit be thame, and ten cautionars for ilk ane of thame,
 ilk cautionar wnder twae thousand pundis. And by the generall band
 thre particular conditions ar joint thairwith; 1. thay sal nocht traffik
 with strangers; 2. thay sal exclude frae thair cumpanie al papists; 3.
 thay sal give thair eldest sonnys in pledge of good ordour; Huntlie to
 the King, the uther tuaye to the Erle of Mortoun: Fourtlie, letters ar
 directit to charge thame al three to subscribe the said band, augmentit
 in maner abone specifiet, and to find cawtions subscrivand as said is;
 and the same thaireftir fuld be reportit heir, and registrat be William

Wealie, wreater of the saidis obligationis and charges; for Jhon Androwe wreatis al the rest, except the missives direct be David Moyse: Fyftlie, letters ar direct to charge al thame that ar wnder fead to subscribe ane band of assurance, and ane separat band send to ilkane of thame to be subscrivit, being xvj or xvij in numer: Saxthie, missives ar send to al the ministers, that thai suld travel to perfyt the said absolution, and to reconcill the dissensions foirsaidis; as also to my Lord and Ladie Huntlie, for hir applying to our religion, and for purging thair house of al suspect papistis.

This far touching the effairis in the northe:—as to the planting of the kirkis, Edinburgh and St Androis, (quherof your L. is inquisitive in bayth your billis,) Patrik Murray assuris me that the King is obstinat to exclude the four Ministeris frae Edinburgh, albeit the halie sifteris hes offerit three hundryth crownis to retene thame. As to St Androis, Mr David Blak wilbe lykwaies debarrit thairfrae presentlie, bot Mr Robert Wallace nocht yet, wntil ane minister be gottin for that citie, and thaireftir he will be remoivit. The commiffionars thairanent suld meit his M. other in Lithcove or Edinburgh, the 2d of June. And quhan this bissines is effectuat, than the univerfitie is to be visitit and purgit. I schewe his M. secretlie that clause of your bill anent Mr Andro Melvil: his M. ansuerit, he suld give ample commiffion to weil chosin commiffionars for that effect; and that your L. and utheris weil myndit to quyetnes, in the meane tyme sould doe weil to trye faltis, and forme ane dittaye.

Anent utheris newis, I knawe nae notable thing. The lait Inglis ambassadour can not obtene the deliverie of Seffuird and Balcleuche, and thairfore appeirit crabit at the beginnaing, but is satlit senfyne, content with sum schape of excuse. The report that the King of France

with his domeftikis fuld bene maflacrit at the marriage of his fifter, decayis and is difcredite, becaufe nae advertifment cumis frae Ingland thairanent. Mr Thomas Hamiltone is contractit and proclamit with Collintons dochter, quha remainis with Mr Thomas Craigs wyf; the tocher bruitit 9000 merkis. Balquhane is wardit in the caftel of Edinburgh, at the perfuit of his brother Mr William. The Erle of Huntlie fend ane gentil man heir within thir tuae dayes, with nae uther commiffion bot letteris of vifitation to the King and Quene, and fum memorials to uthers. His Lordship is fumquhat miscontent with that article of the kirk, that flayes him frae making vantage of his vaffals, and that astrictis him to freindfchip with his nyctbouris, bot the King wil put fordward baythe thais pointis, for his L. awin weil. Patrik Murray wil vifeit your L. in his way, and fchawe yowe his peices. The Seffion is populus bot in final caufis. The Quene paff to Seaton the penult of Maij in ane litter, nochtwithftanding the gryt rane; and is to pas hir tyme be progrefe in the Bais and utheris the lyk places. The King ftayit that day for the rane, bot on the morne read to Lithkowe, and is nocht to returne heir fchortlie, bot to Falcland. It is thocht good that your L. vifeit him thair; for freindis miflykis your lang abfence frae court, fum fufpecting your miscontentment thair of, and utheris difparing of your helthe, *inter aulicos vulturios praeda inhiantes*. God preferve your L. At Edinburgh, the firft of June 1597. Be your L. faythful fervitour,

MR HERCULES ROLLOK.

*Si hæ tibi sint verbosæ, cæteras contraham tuo monitu.
Recipe processum litis illius ecclesiasticæ, et una
historiam impetus popularis. Utinam valeas.*

VI. ACT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND,—1599.

Apud Haliruidhous, xvij Decembris lxxxxix.

The first day of the year appointit to be the first day of
Januar yeirlie.

THE KINGIS MAJESTIE, and Lordis of His Secreit Counfall, undir-
standing, That in all utheris weill governit commoun welthis and cun-
treis, the first day of the year begynis yeirlie upoun the first day of Ja-
nuare commounlie callit New yeiris day, and that this realme onlie is
different fra all utheris in the compt and reckining of the yeiris : And
his Majestie and Counfall willing that thair salbe na disconformitie be-
tuix his Majestie, his realme and leigis, and utheris nichtbour cuntreys
in this particular, bot that thay fall conforme thameselfis to the ordour
and custum observit be all utheris cuntreys, especialie seing the course
and seasoun of the year is maist propir and anfuerabill thairto, and that
the alteratioun thairof importis na hurte nor prejudice to ony pairtie :
THAIRFOIR His Majestie with advise of the Lordis of his Secreit Counfall
Statutis and Ordanis, That in all tyme cuming, the first day of the year sal-
begin yeirlie upoun the first day of Januar, and thir presentis to tak exe-
cutioun upoun the first of Januare nixtocum, quhilk salbe the first day of
the I^m and sex hundreth yeir of God : And thairfoir Ordanis and Com-
mandis the Clerkis of his Hienes sessioun and signet, the Directour and
writtaris of the Chancellarie and Prevey Seall, and all utheris Jugeis,
writtaris, notaris and clerkis within this realme, That thay and everie

ane of thame in all tyme heirefter date all thair decreittis, infestmentis, charteris, seasingis, letteris and writtis quhatsumevir, according to this present ordinance, Compting the first day of the yeir fra the first day of Januare yeirlie, and the first day of the I^m and VI^e yeir of God fra the first day of Januare nixtocum : And ordanis publicatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat croceis of the heid burrowis of this realme, quhairthrow nane pretend ignorance of the same.

WISHAW M.S.

Supper we got supped many the only maid for dinner to all the
 nobles at dinner in the hall and supper given the King
 and some after drinking of many toasts and some
 blew and much some after supper given by the King, and some
 at supper found that two and two be hands and feet
 from the hall and some be in the rat crown of the King, and some
 and bawled and prepared the table and the King
 much at the King gave not great mirth and joy to
 the King and great number of people to the King and
 some found of before.

ADV: LIB: M.S.

At some years of May, the Banquet was made
 with the King by the King, and the King the
 nobleman, whom the King moved for the King
 place of the King and to enter in the King
 with, and drinking of Carrozas and Mirrie
 Jests, and in and after supper his Majesty caused
 the nobleman to be induced, to hold the King
 of Angus, Montrose, Crawford, and the King
 of Carnos, the King of the King and the King
 the King hands together, and the King the King
 nobleman and the King and the King of his
 the King house going, two and two in ranks and
 pass from the King the King the King
 of the King, the King the King and the King had
 removed a table supped with a great desert
 the King was a great Joy and the King, and
 with a number of people continued the King
 as the King, was the King some, in the King.

MOYSIE'S MEMOIRS.

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Vpone Weddnisday the tuentie sext day of Februar the yeir of God I^m V^c thrie scoir sevintene yeiris, the erle of Ergyle come to Strivilinge, and being admitted to the Kingis Majesteis prefence, wes sa had and acceptit as theare wes ane chalmer appoynted for him in the castell.

Vpone the last day of the said monethe, the erle of Atholl come to Sterling, and immediatlie his Majestie condiscendit to wreyt to the nobilletie to conueine at Striuling the tent of Marche, &c.

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Vpone the aucht day of Marche the yeir of God I^m V^c thriescor sevintene yeiris, King James the sext of this realme, being of the aidge of tuelffe yeiris, conuenit certane noble men of this realme in the castell of Striuling; quhilkis wer Johne erle of Athole, Coline erle of Ergyle, Johne erle of Montroise, the L. Leivingstoune, lord Maxwell, and dyverse vtheris great men of this realme. At the quhilk conuentioun James erle of Mortoun, regent to the King, wes defyrit be his hienes to be also present, because the maiter quiche the King had then in handis concernit him: Yit the erle of Mortoun on the ane pairt wes willing to have satisfeid the Kingis desyre in that behalfe; bot on the

vther pairt, calling to remembrance the particular wes betuix him and the erle of Ergyle, thocht he could not guidlie pas to the said conuention, bot sent his awin speciall freind Archbald erle of Angus thearunto, and in his companie Johne lord Glamis, chaunceller, Johne lord Hereis, and William lord Ruthuen, thesaurer, as commissiонерis for him, quho wer thankfullie reffavit be the king. Finallie, tyme and place being appoynted, the counsell sat, and the said Johne lord Glames wes ordeanit be the king [to demand] at evrie great man theareat his woit tuitching the depriuatioun of the said erle of Mortoun of the regiment of the realme : it wes thocht expedient that he sould be depriued, and sua he wes depryued be the mouthes of the moift pairt of the woiteris.

Vpone the tent day of the said monethe and yeir, being the first day of the said conuention, the Kingis Majestie, for avoyding of grudge and diffensioun amangis his nobiletie, be advyse of his said counsell acceptit the regiment of his realme vpon his awin persone, hovbeet he knew it wold be trubelfum to him.

Vpone the tuelt day of the samyn monethe of Marche, be found of trumpet and heraldis, publicatioun wes maid be opin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of Edinburghe of the Kingis acceptatioun of the gouernament of his owin realme vpon his persone. And the erle of Mortoun, being for the tyme within the burghe of Edinburgh, come in propper persone to the mercat croce therof, quhaire he, in presence of the hail peopill being therat, efter the found of a trumpet, and befor they began to publeishe the said proclamatioun, in honest termes and gentle maner willinglie dimittit his auctoritie and regiment in the Kingis fauouris, and promittit faithfull obedience and seruice to him in all tymes comming, lykas his hienes had the full proufe theirow in tymes past.

Vpone the xiiij of the said monethe, the erle of Mortoun past out of Edinburgh to Dalkeithe, accompanied with fyve hundrethe horfmen or theirow, quhairow the moift pairt wes Merfemen.

Vpone the xv day of the said monethe of Marche and yeir foirsaid, the saidis Johne lord Glamis, William lord Ruthuen, and Johne lord Hereis, as commiffioneris wes sent be the King and his counsell to the erle of Mortoune, defyring him that he wald rander the castell of Edinburgh, sua that his hichnes micht appoynt sick keiperis and caiptanis for keiping his persone as it pleased him. The irenis of the counyiehous wes defyrit, with tene thovsand pundis money; for performance of the quhilk defyre the saidis commiffioneris brocht ane dischaarge wrytten vpon parchment, fubfcribit with the King and his haill counsell, to the said erle Mortoun, dischairging him of all thingis and intromiffionis that micht be layd to his chaarge sen his entrie in the regiment, quhilk wes vpon the xx [xxv] day of November I^m V^c lxxij yeiris. The said erle of Mortoun, thinking this dischaarge sumquhat sclender for his releife, be reffone of the Kingis minoretie, willed the samyn to be ratefeid be his Majestie in the nixt parliament that fould happin to be haldin, as also at his perfyte aide of tuentie ane yeiris. Alwayis gif the King wer myndfull presentlie to have the said castell, the said erle Mortoun defyrit that sum neutrall men fould be keiperis, and namit the erle Buchane, Patrik lord Lyndsay, William lord Ruthuen, or the laird of Lochleavin; sua that he micht have affurance of releife. The irenis of the counyiehous wes delyverit without forder delay.

Vpone the xvj day of the samyn monethe, the saidis commiffioneris returnit to the Kingis Majestie, and befor theare depairting commandit the bailyeis of Edinburgh to keip fraite watche at all the pairtes of the toune, to the effect that no moir wictuall fould have passadge to come to the castell for furnifching therof in the meane tyme, quhill the King maid thame forder advertifment.

Vpone the xvij day of the said monethe, for obedience of this charge, [the bailyeis] tuik the burding vpon thame selffes, thaire proveft being captane of the said castell, and namit George Douglas of Parkhead, bastard

brother to the said erle of Mortoun, and thearthrow partiall in obedience of the said charge, and set ane number of men at dyvers pairtes of the said toun, for stopping of wiueris to enter to the said castell. And at the west poirt, vpone the samyn day about fyve houris at evin, the toun watche, perceaving ane or twa calliueris to be caried in to the said castell, stoppit thame at the fute of the castell wynd; and certane of the castalianis perceaving this maiter come furthe of the said castell, to the number of xvj personis or theirby, and perforce wold had the said calliuer with thame. The tounes men resisting conforme to thair derection, the castell men be schotis of hagbutis and pistoletis slew thrie tounsmen, and hurt fyve or sex; and sum of them also hurt, and one flaine, and sua returnit into the castell withoute forder. The tounsmen being inraidgit at that iniurie reffavit, maid certane tranches that same night before Patrik Eggeris house for incloifing of the castell.

Vpone the same day, David erle of Crafurde, and the said Johne lord Glames, chaunceller, being in Striuling with the King, and ane deadly fead and inimetie standing betuix thame vnreconciled, forgathred together within the said toun foiranent the ladie Maris ludging, betuix fyve and sex houris at evin. Efter the maisteris had past vtheris without ony offer of iniurie, twa of thair seruandis fell in contentioun immediatly thereafter; the one being command vp the streit, and the vther going down, and without forder schot pistoletis on ather fydis at tother; and therwith the said lord Glamis wes schot throche the head, teane thearefter to his ludging, and immediatlie died. The erle of Crafurde wes teane and put in the castell of Striuling: four or fyve of his seruandis hurt, and the remnant elscapit. Theare wes also some of the chancelleris men hurt.

Vpone the xix day of the said monethe, Andro erle of Rothes, the said lord Hereis, William lord Ruthuen come out of Sterling as commissioneris for the King, first to Edinburgh, and nixt to Dalkeithe

quheare the erle of Mortoun wes, and yit as of befoir defyrit the castell of Edinburgh to be randerit to the King. The erle Mortoune delayed to the xxv of the said monethe, and then promitted that the samyn shuld be givin over without forder delay, conforme to the Kingis desyre.

Vpone the said xxv day of the sameyn monethe, the said lord Ruthuen, and Alexander Hay directoure of the chancellerie, wes direct out of Sterling from the King, to ressave inuentour of the Kingis jovelis and munitioun being within the said castell of Edinburgh: Patrik lord Lyndsay wes ordeanit to concur with thame, and sie ane iust inuenture.

Vpone the first day of Apryle 1578, ane iust inuenture being maid compleit and endit, of all the Kingis jovellis, his motheris cleithing, tapisserie, munitioun and vtheris, being within the said castell of Edinburgh, the personis haldin culpable of the slauchter of the Edinburgh men wes put out of the said castell, at the postrum yet therof, and sufferit to depairte withoute ony persuite, at ane eternoun or therby; and thereafter the said castell wes randerit be George Douglas of Perthead, captane therof, to Johne Cunynghame of Drumquhassell, and [James] Settoun of Touche, commissioneris direct from the King to ressave the same, and to keip it till the comming of Alexander Erskyne of Gogar, maister of Mar, captane therof appoynted be his hienes, at sex houris at ewin or therby; and certane great artailyearie schot at thair furthecomming.

Vpone the same day, theare wes ane parliament proclamit to be haldin the tent of Julij nixt to come.

At this tyme it wes concludit be the nobiletie, that the King shuld cheife counselleris ordinar and extraordinar to him selfe. The names of the ordinaris wer thir; Coline erle of Ergyle, Johne erle of Atholl, Johne erle of Montrose, George erle of Kaithnes, Patrik lord Lyndsay, and the lord Hereis, quhilkis wer for the temporall estait; Alexander Erskyne of Gogar maister of Mar, in absence of William maister of Merischell, the

commendatour of Deir his brother, Robert bischope of Caithnes, and Mark commendatour of Nevbottle for the spirituall estaite; together with William lord Ruthuen, thesaurer, Robert commendatour of Dumfermling, secretar, Mr George Buchannane, keiper of the priuie seall, sir William Murray of Tullibardin knight, controller, and Mr James M^cGill of Rankillour nether, clerk of regifter. Certane vtheris lordis wer appoynted to be extraordinar, quhen they wer present to be vpone the counsell, or quhen his hienes sent for thame: thir wer chofin quhill the said tent day of Julij. At the same tyme it was also ordeanit, that na signatouris of confirmatioun, donatioun, giftes, conductis, respectis nor remissionis sould pas the sealis, without the samyn wer subscrit be the King and sex of the saidis ordinare counselloris, the chaunceller alwayis being ane, vtherwayis they sould tak no effect. At the sameyn tyme Johne erle of Atholl wes maid chancellor of Scotland.

Vpone the nynt day of the said monethe of Apryle, Johne erle of Atholl, chancellor, the erle of Montroise, the erle of Eglington, the lord Lyndsay, lord Hereis, the bischope of Cathnes, and the remnant of the Kingis counsell come to Edinburgh, and satt in the tolbuthe therof vpone all maiteris concerning the Kingis Majestie, and his priuie counsell: theare intentioun wes to provyde the furtie of his royall persone, and in the meanetyme to tak sikk ordour for quyetnes of the countrie as wes requirit.

Vpone the ellevint day of the said monethe, they sent furthe ane proclamatioun towardis the thresching furthe of the haille cornis of the countrie, quhilk wes mekill commendit be the commone pepill, be reffone of the great derthe and skairftie of wictuall for the tyme; into the quhilk proclamatioun theare wes commendable statutes comprehendit: as also, hasing respect to the staite of the countrie, they maid sikk statutis and ordinances as wer for the quyetnes of the pepill, to theare great praise.

Vpone the xxvi day of the said monethe, the erle of Mar, being of aidge xvj yeir old, and hafing conceavit ane grudge of befor that Alexander Erskyne of Gogar was chofen keiper to the King, and he misknawin to be principall, he, with the abbotis of Dryburghe and Cambuskennethe, and certane vtheris his freindis, enterit within the castell of Sterling, and mannit the waponis being thearin, and war maisteris of the plaice, and pat furthe the erle of Ergyle, quho wes thearin and ordeanit be the lordis of priuie counsell to auait vpone the King; sum wes hurt, and the maister of Maris eldest sone, being ane young springell, deceassit for displeasour. Quhilk discorde efter the lordis of priuie counsell knew, being in Edinburgh for the tyme, they, vpone the xxviiij day of the said monethe, past furthe of Edinburgh to Sterling, quheare they wer reffavit baithe within the toun and plaice, and wreyt for sum of thair freindis to meit thame theare in substantius maner.

In this meanetyme the erle of Mortoun wes in Lochlewin, and the erle of Angus in Dalkeithe, and vpone ane missive sent to the erle of Angus be the King, desyring him to come to Sterling, he conuenit his haill freindis, and went fordward to Linlithgow; and vpone the vther pairt the erle of Mortoun conuenit his haill freindis, to quhat purpois it wes vncertane. The toun of Edinburgh heiring this, suspecting sum evill purpoise to have been devyfit, they reasit ane band of men of wear, to the number of a hundrethe, and sent thame to Sterling for the pre-servatioun of the King. Thir men of wear wer not sufferit to enter theare, bot remanit in Falkirk; and vpone the sevint day of Maij, come with the lordis of counsell to Edinburgh, and the Maister of Mar come with thame, and reffavit the keiping of the castell of Edinburgh that nicht.

At this tyme it wes concludit be the King in Sterling, that reconciliatioun of the grudge and inimetie wes betuix the erles of Mortoun [Atholl] and Ergyle, fould be maid in Edinburgh; and to that effect

ther wer sex noble men chofen for ather of the pairteis, quhilkis conuenit in Edinburgh vpone the elleuint day of Maij 1578 yeiris.

Also at the fame tyme, the erle of Mar and the maifter of Mar committed thame felfes to vnderly the fentence and judgement of sex noble men, tuitching the reconfiliatioun of the former controuerfie, quhairvpone fum reffonable conditionis wer concludit vpone, to the ftay of forder inconuenie[ncie]: quhilkis war in fpeciall, that the erle of Mar fould be principall keiper of the King and the caftle of Sterling, and that the maifter fould come to Edinburgh and be captane theare, and ftay to the Kingis comming theareto.

The lordis that wer chofin to pacifie the foirfaid inimetie ftanding betuix the foirfaidis erles of Mortoun, and Ergyle, and Atholl, efter reffoning thearanent be the fpace of echt days, could not condifcend vpone the headis and artickelis givin in be the faidis erles to thame: Quhairthrow the Kingis Majeftie wes movit to fend for thame to Sterling, to vnderftand the motioun of thair delay; and vpone the xix day of Maij, at command of his Majefties letter, they red out of Edinburgh to Sterling. At this tyme the erle of Atholl wes commandit to remeane in Edinburgh, and the erle of Mortoun in Dalkeithe.

Vpone the xxij day of the faid monethe, the lordis commiffionaris returnit to Edinburgh, and brocht with thame the erle of Ergyle, quho, for obedience of the Kingis Majefties will and ordinance devyfit in Sterling, vpone the morne with the erle of Atholl and the commiffiounaris pait to Craigmiller, quhair the erle of Mortoun met thame: And efter falutatioun, and reconfiliatioun of theare inimitie, they red altogither to Dalkeithe, quhair they dynit, and remeanit quhill fevin houris at evin. And vpone the xxviiij, the erle of Mortoun and ather of thame red be thair owin companeis all to Sterling, quhaire the erle of Mortoun wes reffavit the fame nicht within the caftle thair of, and lay and eat continuallie thearin during his remeaning thairin, hafand more fami-

liaretie with the Kingis Majestie then the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Montroife or ony vtheris of thair factioun; hovbeet they had tuye in the day acces to the counsell within the castle.

Vpone the secound day of Junij, the men of wear teane vp be the toun of Edinburgh be found of trumpet in the Kingis name wer discharged. At this tyme theare wes ane conuention ordeanit to be in Sterling, the tent day of the said monethe, at the quhilk the nobilitie wes wreyttin for to be present, for redressing of all effearis of the realme; as also the commissiouneris of burrowis wreyttin for to that effect.

At this conuention, the erle Mortoun remaining continually within the castle of Sterling nycht and day, accompanied with a guid number of his freindis, enterit in sick familiaritie with the Kingis Majestie and his houshold, that he obtanit all maiteris ordourit at his desyre, and speciallie be moyoune of certane commissiouneris of burrowis and vtheris that wer vpone the counsell, and had wat thairin. The parliament ordeanit to be haldin at Edinburgh the tent day of Julij nixt, wes ordeanit, efter sending of the samyn, to be transported to Sterling, quheare the King, be ressone of his minoretie and inhabilitie to trauell, wes thocht guid be the moift pairt of woitaris to remeane: and sua the erle of Mortonis purpois tuik effect, without respect to the earnest desyre and will of the saidis erles of Ergyle, Atholle, Montroife and vtheris of that factioun, quhilk wes that the parliament sould be in Edinburgh, and the King transportit therto.

Vpone the echt day of Julij, the erles of Ergyle, Atholl and Montroife come to Edinburgh, and vpone the tent day of Julij, causit fense the parliament within the tolbuthe theirow.

Vpone the thretteine day of the said monethe of Julij 1578, Patrik lord Lyndsay wes direct from the saidis lordis at Edinburgh to Sterling to the King, with certane artickelis, bearing, That seing it pleased the Kingis Majestie, with advyse of his counsell conuenit at the conuen-

tioun afoirsaid, to have the said parliament haldin at Sterling, they desyrit that the samyn sould be fenfit and haldin within the tolbuthe therof, sua that all noblemen and vtheris hasing woit mycht have frie acces therto; and they being informit that the ladie Maris ludging, and vtheris ludgingis within the said toun of Sterling, wes fortefeid be the freindis and afflisteris of the erle of Mortoun and Mar, they alledgit that they could have no frie acces to the said parliament, nor remaine within the said toun for danger of ther lyfes.

It wes answairit be the King to the faides artickelis, that thair wes no plaice moir meit for halding the said parliament nor the great hall of Sterling, the present estaite being confidderit, [seing] he wes yit of tender yeiris, and had many vnfreindis, the said tolbuthe of Sterling being ruinus, and ane dengerus place to commit himselff in hazard; and as he thocht it meit, sua luikit they wold yeild to the same, and sua douttit not bot they wald be cairfull of his preferuatioun, and therfor cannot alter the plaice appoynted. This is not meanit to induce a preparatiue heireftir that our parliamentis salbe haldin in castellis, bot for thir causses and many vtheris, he wes movit presentlie thearevnto. All noble men and vtheris hasing woit in parliament shall have frie acces vnto his hienes: Theare salbe no fortificatioun of the toun or vther pairtes be maid, except that onlie ane number of tounsmen be appoynted for ane gaird, for keiping pace and quyetnes during the continuance of the said parliament: sua that they may be affurit, his Majestie wilbe moift cairfull that baithe they, the nobilitie, and all vtheris resoirting to parliament salbe in fuertie, vnder his saistie and protectioun. The ladie Maris houe salbe no moir hurtfull now nor in tymes past, and sa fall they find his Majestie als cairfull of thaire suiretie as of his awin. It is answairit to the secund concerning his Majesties proclamatioun, Treulie gif they had beine with his grace, he wold have beine werie glad of thaire advyses, bot lest the simple peopill sould be suddendlie movit to give

credit, he could doe no les, with advyse of his counsell and nobiletie present, nor derect out the same in sick forme as it is; quhilk he doubtis not they lyk weill anuiche of, seing it is onlie meanit of invius personis, reaseris of bruities tending to seditioun, quhom his grace is affurit they mislyk als weill as he, as theare comming to his Majestie will the better testefie. To the last concerning the jovelis, his hienes wreyt to the maister of Mar of befoir, schewand that he wes desyrus to fie thame, that he mycht vse sa mony for his persone at his parliament as fould be thocht guid, and gif he reteanit thame sufficient dischaarge to be maid in parliament; bot he thocht strainge that sick dischaarge fould be socht befoir secuiretie could be fund, the act not being returnit yit to be registrat: And thairfoir, in refusall his hienes thinkis him self evill handlit.

Vpone the xv [xxv] day of Julij 1578, the said parliament wes senfit in the great hall of the castle of Sterling, and thairefter proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Sterling, commanding all estaites hasing woit to compeir within the hall of the said castle vpon the morne, quhaire they fould have frie acces to enter and woit according to the accustomed ordour. At this tyme their come at command of the Kingis letter certan men weill bodin in airmes, furthe of the burrowis of Edinburgh, Glasgou, Dundie and Perth, to keip gairdhouse in the toun of Sterling during the tyme of the parliament, sua that incaice ony insurrectioun fould bein, they fould stay the same. They remainit quhill the xxvj day of the said monethe. Vpone the same day, being the xv day of Julij, the erle of Montrose wes directit commissiouner from the lordis at Edinburgh to Sterling.

Vpone the xvj day of the same monethe, the King cled in his rob royall, accompanied with the erles of Angus quho buir the croune, the erle of Lennox the septer, and the erle of Mar the fuord of honour, come on fute out of his owin chalmer to the said great hall, and sat

upone his throne as vse is. His Majesteis rob royall wes borne vp be the erles of Mortoun, Eglintoun, Glencairne, Errole, Bothuell, Buchane, and lordis Boyde, Yester, Ruthuen, Oliphant, Drummond, and dyverse vtheris theare present. Befoir onie thing wes donne in parliament, the said erle of Montroise protestit that quhatsoever sould be then donne sould nawayis be preiudiciall to him and the remnant lordis at Edinburgh, nor tak effect, in respect it wes haldin within a castell, and not ane patent tolbuthe, quhair frie acces mycht be had to all the leidges of the realme for performance of thaire adois. The King stuid up, and pronuncit and declaired be his awin mouthe in judgement, the plaice to be moift fuire for his owin persoun; and, seing it wes his will that the parliament sould be haldin theare, the plaice wes conuenient, and nather they, nor vtheris hasing woit, wes stoppit from comming thearinto according to the forme and ordour vsit of befoir.

They proceidit to the cheifing first of the lordis of artickelis, quhilkis wer the erle of Mortoun suppleing the chancelloris roume, the erles of Angus, Lennox, Buchane, Eglintoun; the lordis Ruthuen, Boyd, and Ochiltree; the bischopis of St Androis, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Murray; abbotis Drybruche, Cambuskynnethe, Culros, Glenluce; commissiouneris of Edinburgh, Perth, Dundie, Sterling, Glasgow, Air, and Irwing. No moir donne that day.

Vpone the xvij day of the said monethe, the erle of Montrois and lord Lyndsay wes chairged be the Kingis letter to keip thair ludgingis in Sterling.

Vpone the xvij day, thair wes ane new counsell chosen to the King, quhilkis wer the erle Mortoun, Ergyle, Eglintoun, Rothes, Glencairne, Buchane, Lennox; the lordis Boyd, Cathkeart, and Ochiltre; the abbottis of Cambuskynnethe and Dryburghe, besydes the ordinar officiaries.

Vpone the xx day of Julij, the erle of Montroise brak waired, and come out of Sterling; with ane man and him self past hame quyetlie;

therefter with all poffible diligence returnit to Edinburgh, quheare the erles of Ergyle and Athole wes that fame day agaitwaird to return to thair awin duellingis. Notwithstanding he folowit thame with all expeditioun, and caufit thame returne againe to Edinburgh; quheare efter lang confulting amangis thamefelfes and thaire affifteris, they leavit bandis of men of wear, to fecht for the libertie of the King, deteanit as they faid captiue; as alſua directit thaire poſtis away to conueine thaire haill freindis to that effect.

Vpone the xxiiij day of the faid monethe, the lord Lyndſay wes releuit out of his waird in Sterling, and wardit within the boundis of Fyffe.

Vpone the xxvij day, theare wes ane proclamatioun direct furthe from the King and publiſchit at the croce, chairging the proveſt and bailyeis that they ſufferit no men of wear to be teane vp, vnder the paine of treaſoun. Thir chairges wer diſſobeyit and lichtlie regairdit. The toun of Edinburgh ſent theare excuſe to the King, ſaying that the ſaidis lordis war ſa mony within thair toun, that they durſt not reſiſt thame without hazard of thair lyfes, and tinfell of thair guides. At this tyme the King, the erle of Mortoun, and vtheris being about his Maieſtie, forſeing the denger that mycht folow gif the lordis at Edinburgh war not reſiſted, appoynted certane captanis for leaſing of four bandis of men of wear on fute and twa on horſſe; and directit out his hienes proclamatioun and miſſiues, for conuening the haill forces they mycht mak aganis the tent of Agult nixt.

Vpone the xxviii day of Julij, captane Daid Homes drummer being gangand throw the toun of Edinburgh, to leivey men vnder his charge in the Kingis name, the drum wes brokin, and the drummer evill dung be ſum of the lordis foloweris.

In this meane tyme the lordis within Edinburgh wer ane great number, affiſted be the Humes and Kerris; they leiveyit thrie hundrethe horſmen, vnder the chairge of Alexander Home of Manderſtoun.

Theare wes vnder the chairge of young Ceffuirde fiftie, vnder my lord Settonis chairge fiftie, my lord Ergyle, Atholl, Montroife, had evrie one of thame als mony vpon theare owin chairges, by thair houshald and freindis, and four hundrethe futmen, men of wear. At this tyme the Kingis officiaris wes stayed to mak thair proclamatioun, and the samyn rest fra thame at Edinburgh.

At this tyme Mr Bowis, ambassadour resident heir for the Queine of Ingland, seing maiteris pas to great vnquyetnes gif the great raidge had not beine tymusly preuented, desyrit to trauell betuix the King and the lordis, to pacifie thingis in sa far as he micht, and to that effect reffavit commiffioun of the lordis at Edinburgh, to procure a licence at the Kingis handis, to certane lordis quhilkis had brokin waird to trauell in the maiter, and to absteane on baithe fydis fra all inuasioun or perfeving of vtheris. He past to Sterling vpon the first of Aguft; and efter proponing of his commiffioun to the King and counsell, his desyre wes granted. In this meanetyme the erle of Argyles forces wer lyand at Dumbartane, and estimat to xxvj hundrethe hieland men; the erle of Atholis forces estimat to ane thovsand lyand at Carmilloche.

Vpon the tuelt day of Aguft, the saidis lordis merchit out of Edinburgh, and come forduard to Falkirk; they wer estimat to xv^e men. The hieland men reased theare campis that nycht, and met theare maister at the Falkirk. Theare come to thame vpon the morne the maister of Cassilis and Bargeany, with four hundrethe horsmen weill arrayit; they wer purposit to fecht for the libertie of the King or elis to die; thair haill number wes estimat to ten thovsand men or therby.

Vpon the same day Mr Bowis come out of the Falkirk to Sterling from the lordis with certane artickelis, and vpon the morne returnit back with ane ansuer; and vpon the same day, the erle of Angus heiring tell of the lordis coming to Falkirk past furthe with iiij^e hors-

men, and red within ane halfe myle to the Falkirk, quhair certane of his adversaris come out, and maid a litle pricking without skeathe. There was ane James Johnstoun seruitour to the maister of Glamis, and Willie Taite in Ceffurde burne, quho provoikit the said James to brek ane speare for his luifes saik. They ran togither; the said Willie was stricken to the grund and died, the vther throw the thie and litle war. Thus the ambassadour, hasing reffavit anser from the King, returnit the xij day of Agust to the lordis, in the morning, promissing to returne with all expeditioun to schew how the lordis shuld be content with the artickelis, in the meanetyme to await his comming. The hail forces within the toun merchit furthe and mustourit at Bannokburne, thinking they shuld fecht gif the artickelis war not teane in guid pairt. They remanit on the feildis for thrie hours, and then the ambassadour returnit, and willed on of the artickelis to be mendit, quhairinto the King and his consell condiscendit; and so it wes aggreed vpon the headis efter foloving.

‘ James be the grace of God King of Scotis, to all and fundrie to quhais handis and knawledge thir letters fall come, greating. Witt ye us for the tender love and affectioun quhilk we bear to all our subiectis, forseing the wrack and calamitie with the quhilk our realme salbe afflicted, gif the present diuisioun and appearant troubles be sufferit to forder proceed, thearefoir, with advyse consent and mature deliberatioun of the lordis of our secreit counsell, to the pleasoure of God and publick quyetnes of our hail realme and subiectis, at the earnest trauelis of our derrest suster the Queine of Ingland be hir ambassadour resident with us, we have pronuncit, declairit, statute and ordeanit, and be thir our letters pronunces, declaires, statutes and ordeanis as folowis.

‘ First, that all hostiletie fall without ony delay cease, and all forces dissoluit except sum bandis of horsmen alreadie reffavit vpon our chairges, quhilkis bandis we will salbe only employit for the quyetnes of

our borders or vtheris our effairis, and not aganis the lordis at Linlithgow and thair affisteris in this lait actioun.

‘ Forasmikle as we vnderstand and ar fuirlye perswadit, that the lordis at Edinburgh for the love and tender affectioun they buir to ws tuik armes, we accept and allowes the samyn fen the tent day of Junij last as guid seruice, and all the pairteis and adherentis in the same acceptit be ws as guid seruandis and subiectis.

‘ We will also that our rycht treast coofing and counsellour the erle of Ergyle fall remaine with our counfall, and remain within our castle of Sterling, with lyk number as ony vther noble man is ludgit therin, faifing the erle of Mar that hes the custodie therof; and the said erle of Ergyle fall have the lyk accefe vnto ws and oure eare as ony vther noble man.

‘ We will lykwayis that the erle of Montroise and the lord Lyndsay falbe addit to our counsell, as twa of the thrie appoynted be our lait act of parliament, and the thrid to be nominat quhen we think tyme.

‘ We will call vnto ws acht noble men, with advyse of our derrest sifter and coufinge the Queine of Ingland, and be thair guid assistance will tak ordour, God willing, betuix and the first day of Maij nixto-come, for reconfiliatioun of oure nobiletie, to be vnited for all actiounis quhatsoever fallin out amangis thame be occasioun of thir trubles, and finall ending of the samyn.

‘ We will that the keiperis of our castellis of Edinburgh and Dumbar-tan fall reteine the keiping and custodie of the samyn, vntill we, with advyse of the saidis acht noblemen, give ordour in the cause remem-berit, sa as the samyn may be maid befor the first day of Maij nixto-come at fordest.

‘ Our will and pleafour is that all noblemen, barronis, gentilmen and subiectis comming to ws to doe our deutifull seruices and guid offices falbe admitted to our presence and frie speiche, as to guid subiectis apperteanis.

‘ Our will and pleasour is also that the laird of Drumquhassill shalbe free from his horning, to the effect he may mak his comptis and thair-after retorne to his chairge.

‘ Gevin vnder our signet and subscribit be ws, with avyse of the lordis of our secreit counsell, at the castle of Sterling the xiiij day of August, and of our rignes the tuelft yeir. 1578.’

Vpone the xiiij day of August 1578, the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Montrose returnit to Edinburgh with thair hail forces except the hie-land men, quha past hame to thair awin countrie. And vpon the xix day of the samyn monethe, the saidis lordis depairtit hame from Edinburgh to thaire awin houffes, quhair they consulted, and met at dyverse tymes at Dunkeld and Kincardin.

At this tyme the lairdis of Cessford and Coldinknowis, wardanis for the middel merches, war sent for be the King, for taking ordour with the bordouris. The erle Mortoun and the laird of Coldinknowis falling out in heich termes in Sterling, the laird of Coldinknowis tuik his leive quyetlie of the King, and come away suddanlie hame: the laird of Cessford staid sum sex or seven dayis, and thereafter returnit hame efter the reseat of his directioun.

Alfua at this tyme ane captane Strathauquhane having reslavit directioun of the King and his counfall to levey certane men of wear to pas in Flanders, notwithstanding they wer vnderstood to be listit at command of the erle of Mortoun, and that commissioun granted to cullour the maiter, for they meant to man the stepils of Edinburgh and thair-with bring the toun vnder subiectioun. In this meanetyme the erle of Atholl past in Fyffe. And in the toun of Couper conuenit to spaik with him Adame Gordoun of Achindoun brother to the erle of Huntlie, M^r Kuntosche, David erle of Craford, sir James Balfure and certane of the barronis of Fyffe: and efter a litle commouning with the said erle of Atholl, the saidis personis and vtheris the barronis of Fyffe,

to quhas plaices he thereafter red, condifendit to his defyre, and fubfcrivit ane band presentit be him. Thus the faid erle of Atholl maid ane great number in Fyffe of his factioun.

Vpone the ellivint day of September, theare was a proclamatioun maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, tuitching the conyie of the xxx, xx, x, and v shilling peicefe; the xxx l. peice wes ordeanit to give xxxij l. viij d. and the rest according therto, and to be brocht in to the counyiehou betuix and the first of Merche nixtocome. This wes altogether millykit be the commone pepill, and speciallie be the inhabitants of Edinburgh. And this same proclamatioun prohibit any man to refuse the filuer of this reat vnder the paine of dead.

Vpone the xiiij day of September, theare was a proclamatioun tuitching the electioun of the acht noble men for reconfiliatioun of the nobiletie, according to the determinatioun maid at Falkirk. The King electit the persons following, to wit, the erles of Rothes and Buchane, the lordis Ruthuen and Boyd, for the erle of Montroise factioun; Hereis, Ogilbie and Innerneath, for the erle of Ergyle and Atholis factioun. And to that effect ordeanit thame to meit at Sterling vpon the xx day of September instant, and to await thairvpone quhill the first day of Maij nixt, to treat vpon all actionis and greiffes fallin out amangis the nobiletie throw occasioun of the lait trubilis; and ordeanit all personis skaithed at the saidis troubles to give in thair complaynt to the saidis lordis and they fould be hard.

Att this tyme the King fend to the provest and bailyeis of Edinburgh, desyring thame be his letter to come to his Majestie for ordour taking about the electioun of new magistratis, in respect the tyme of Michelmes wes approching. The counsell of the toun wold not condifend that the provest fould pas thither, bot sent two of thair bailyeis, twa decanis, and twa of thair counsell; quho reffavit ane ansuer of the King, bot returnit back with a chairge, chairging the proveist to come him

self vnder the paine of horning. The proveft at command of this chairge paff to Sterling.

Vpone the xxviiij day of September, being Michelmas ewin, the erle of Atholl come to Edinburgh [with] Alexander Home of Manderftoun, Coldinknowis, Ceffurd and the lord Settoun. And within fyve dayis thairefter the erles of Ergyle and Montroife come to Edinburgh, quhaire they devyfit to fend the Inglifche ambaffadour and the lord Lyndfay to Sterling, to defyre the erle of Mortoun leave the caſtle thair of. He condifcendit to pas thairout within aucht dayis; appoynting in the meane tyme that fyve nobilmen ſould meit for ather pairtie vpone the xvj day of October nixt at Inueresk kirk, to comoune vpone all debates betuix the erles of Ergyle and Athol on the one pairt, and the erle of Mortoun on the tother. The names of the perfonis appoynted for Ergyle and Atholl wer the erle of Montroife, Mark commendatour of Nevbotle, fir James Balfour pryour of Pittinweyme, the laird of Barganie and Peter Hay bailie of Erroll; and for the erle of Mortoun, Robert erle of Buchane, Robert commendatour of Dumfermling, Robert lord Boyd, fir John Gordoun of Lochinvar knight and Mr James Haliburton proveft of Dundie, &c. Vpone the threttein day of October, the erle of Mortoun come out of Sterling to Calder, and vpone the morne to Dalkeithe.

Vpone the ſaid xvj day of October, the perfonis befor namit met at Inueresk, and delayit the maiter quhill the morne to meit at Libertoun; and on the nixt day met at Edinburgh, and then at Nevbotle. And efter the aggreiment of all maiteris, the erles of Atholl, Ergyle and Mortoun, with the perfonis namit of befor, met vpone the xxiiij of the ſame monethe in Leithe, and theare dynit altogether at one buird in Walter Cantis houſe, and efter denner tuik guidnicht at the end of the linkis narreſt Leithe, and depairted.

Vpone the xxiiij of the ſaid monethe, the erles of Ergyle and Mon-

troife past out of Edinburgh to Sterling to the King. Schortlie thair-
 efter, about the tuelt of November, theare was a generall conuentioun
 of the haille nobilitie appoynted to be haldin at Sterling castle the fyftein
 day of January nixt, quheare ordour sould bein takin with the Kingis
 house. This conuentioun was continowit to ane parliament to be
 haldin theare the fyft of Merche nixt thairefter.

Vpone the vj day of Merche 1578, the said parliament was fencit
 within the great hall of Sterling, and continowit fyve or sex dayis to the
 incomming of the nobilitie. Vpone the tuelt day of the said monethe,
 Atholl and Montrose come into Sterling to the parliament. The erle
 of Atholl being chancellor for the tyme was long luikit for befor his
 comming, bot being diseasit be a sair leg could not guidlie travell. At
 this tyme theare wer present Coline erle of Ergyle, Archibald erle of
 Angus, John erle of Atholl chancellor, James erle of Mortoun, Hew
 erle of Egglintoun, John erle of Mar, Andro erle of Rothes, John
 erle of Montrose; the lordis Hereis, Boyd, Ruthuen, Cathkeart,
 Ochilttrie and Innermeathe.

Vpone the xvj day of Merche, the King being inquyrit be his counsell
 quhair he thocht guid to mak his residence, he declaired he wold mak his
 residence within the castle of Sterling quheare he was brocht up, quhill
 he saw forder, and wold pas no quheare elis bot to the park in symmer
 tyme, allenerlie for his pastyme and recreation. And inquyring of his
 counsell quhat they thocht of that, they answert, seing it was his Majesties
 owin will and pleasour, they could not diffagrie thairfra, provyding
 that the erle of Mar and his fuirteis bund for him in the keiping of the
 King sould be no forder astricted bot within the castle allenerlie, and
 not withoute; quhairvpone ane act of counsell was ordeanit to be maid.
 Vpone the xvij day of the said monethe, this parliament was ordeanit
 to be desert, and none to be at all till new warning wer maid.

Vpone the xvj day of Apryle 1579, the erle of Atholl, chancellor,

past furthe of Sterling that nicht to Kincardin werie seik and ill at ease, and vpon the tuentie fourt day thair of deceifit theare. And being oppinit, vpon the declaratioun of the doctouris and hypothecaris present that theare wes poyfoun within the corpis, the laird of Garntullie his sifterfone and certane vtheris his freindis come to the King, and freele declared that he wes poyfonit.

Immediatlie hearefter it wes condiscendit vpon be the King and his counsell, that the nobilitie shuld pas with all thair forces vpon Johne commendatour of Abberbrothock, and Claud commendatour of Passay, and theare partakeris knavin culpable of the murthouris of the erles of Lennox and Murray, his Majesties guidler and vncle, for bringing of thame befor the justice to be punischt for thair demeritis. For the quhilk effect theare wer iiij^e waigded men teane vp vpon the Kingis expensse. And vpon the fourt day of Maij, for putting of this quyetlie devyfit purpos to executioun, the erle of Mar being accompanied with a number of his freindis, past furthe of Sterling at aucht houris at ewin, and met the erles of Mortoun and Angus in Hamiltoun vpon the morne, quhare they incloft the castle of Hamiltoun, quhilk wes fortefeid with men and victualis. The houffes of Draffen and Passay wer in lykmaner fortefeid.

The saidis abbotis of Abberbrothok and Passay wer not in theare frenthes, bot conuoyed thame felfes quyetly to fiek pairt as no man knowis.

Vpon the fyft day of Maij, according to the Kingis proclamatioun, commanding all his subiectis als weil to burghe as to land to rease and meit his Majesties leiftenantis at Hamiltoun, the town of Edinburgh marchit furthe therof to Linlithgow, quho wer estimat xv^e men weil arrayed. Quho, hovbeet they wer moift willing to theare journey, yit the King be his letter stayed thame, and willed thame to furnishe twa hundrethe men of wear to the assaige of Hamiltoun allenerlie, vpon

theare expenffe ; quho willinglie yeildit and sent the same thither with expeditioun. At this tyme theare wes certane artailyearie transportit furthe of Edinburgh, Sterling and Dumbartane, to afflaide the castle of Hamiltoun.

Vpone the xiiij day of Maij, Daud commendatour of Dryburche wes sent be the lordis at Hamiltoun to the King, with certane artickles gevin furthe to thame be the keiperis of the castle of Hamiltoun, promittand to rander, gifand thame thair lyfes with bag and baggage. It wes anfuert that his hienes wold graunt na mercie to sikk as wes knowin culpable of the murthouris, bot wold graunt the fauor requyrit to the innocent, and sikk as wold byd affyse of the sameyn.

Vpone the xvij of the same monethe, the castle of Draffin wes gevin over and teane be young fir James Hamiltoun vpone ane accident. At this tyme Paflay wes randerit to the maister of Glencairne, and be him at the Kingis command to the persone of Campsie.

Vpone the xix day of Maij at twa eftirnone, the house of Hamiltoun wes randerit be ane contentioun fallin betuix the giltie and innocentis of the murthouris. Quhilk being givin over wes ordeanit be the King and his counsell to be dimolifchit to the grund. The personis suspect wer Arthour Hamiltoun of Muretoun, Archie his sone, Arthour of Boduelhauche, William Murehead brother to Lachope, John of Sillertounhill and Thomas Warrok : Arthour wes put to ane affyse and hangit in Sterling, the rest committed to seuerall wairdes.

Vpone the tuelt day of Junij at fyve houris in the morning, the King past furthe at the yet in the nether bailye, and returnit at sevin houris from the perk to the castle, quheare he enterit in at the foir yet ; and the first wes the first tyme the King come furthe to the feildis accompanied only with his owin domestickis.

Vpone the xvj day of Junij, the lady Atholl, and certane of the erle of Atholis freindis, and the doctouris and chirurgiane quho wer present

at the oppining of the said erle of Atholl, hasing repairit to Sterling to give tryell quhither the said erle wes poiffonit or not, the saidis doctouris and chirurgianis, efter long reffoning, declairit in prefence of the Kingis Majestie that he wes poiffonit, and that theare wes poyfioun within his corporis, quhilk wes the occasioun of his deathe.

Vpone the xvij day of Junij, thair come a Frencheman namit Monfiour Naw, as ambaffadour from the Queine of Scotland then in Ingland, naming our King onlie Prince, and presented him selfe first to the castle of Edinburgh, desyring to spaik with the maister of Mar captane therof; quheare he gat no entres, bot [wes] refusit quhill first he presented his messadge to the King.

Vpone the morne thairefter, the said ambaffadour past from Edinburgh to Sterling, and being earnest to dischairge his messadge to the King, vpon the xix day desyrit his hienes prefence. Bot his missiue letter being direct vpon the back with thir termes, TO OUR SONE THE PRINCE OF SCOTLAND, not naming him King, lykas the said ambaffadour refusit to acknowlege him as King be his messadge, the counsell and nobiletie present therfoir thocht it meit that he sould have no prefence at all, and that his messadge sould be no forder hard and anfuerit: quhairvpon he depairted but prefence of the King, vpon the xx day of the samyn monethe.

Vpone the fevint day of Julij, the corporis of the said erle of Atholl being brocht and conuoyit to Dumblayne, wes caried furthe therof the direct way to Dunfermling, quheare they remanit that nycht; and vpon the morne past furthe with to Edinburgh, quheare a great number of freindis wes conuenit to the buriell; and vpon the tent day wes honorablie conuoyit with his freindis from Haliroudhous to St Jeilis Kirk, quheare he wes buried at the east fyde of the alter on the south fyde of the church namit.

At this tyme theare wes a generall conuentioun appoynted to be at

Sterling, vpon the ferd day of Aguft, anent ordour taking for the Kingis removing.

At quhilk tyme it wes aggreet, that the parliament appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh vpon the xx day of October nixt, fould then proceid in the fame plaice. It wes alfo then concludit, that the King fould remove furthe of Sterling to Edinburgh vpon the xxiiij day of September nixt, how, and in quhat maner he fould be conuoyit. Vpon the tent day of Auguft, Coline erle of Argyle wes woited in counfall, and creat chancellor.

Vpon the tuelt day of Auguft, ane William Trumbill and William Scot wes hangit at the croce of Ste ling for making of certane ballatis, quhilkis wer thocht hable to faw difcorde amangis the nobiletie. And this wes thocht ane new preparative, feing none had beine execut for the lyk of befoir. Notwithstanding quhearof, in the skailing of the pepill from the execution, thair wes ten or tuelf inuectiue and difpytfull letters fund in proes, tending mikle to the difpraise of the erle of Mortoun and his prediceffouris.

In this meanetyme thair arryvit in Irland ten thovfand Spanyeardis. Vpon the feventeine day in the nicht, and xvij in the morning, thair blew fick ane tempeft at the hearing dreav of Dunbar, that parifchit iij^{xx} fifcher botis and hrie hundrethe men.

Vpon the xx day of Auguft, the King dynit in the caftle of Doune, and returnit to his fupper at Sterling. Vpon the xxv day of Auguft, the King red to Alloway, quhair efter he had stayed four dayis, he returnit to Sterling.

Vpon the aucht day of September 1579, the lord Obinie, being the Kingis guid fcheris brother fone, come in Scotland, and landit at Leithe accompanied with xx perfonis; and vpon the morne wes conuoyit to Edinburgh be the abbay, and met at the nether bow be the proveft, bailyeis, and honefteft burgeffes of the toun.

Vpone the xv day of the said monethe of September, the lord Obyiny come to Sterling, and gat presence of the Kingis Majestie in the great hall within the castle of Sterling; he wes a man of comlie proportioun, ciuile behaiour, readbeardit, honest in conversatioun, weil lykit of be the King and a pairt of his nobiletie at the first.

Vpone the xxix day of September 1578 [9], his Majestie tuik jorney from Sterling to Edinburgh, notwithstanding of ane great wynd quhilk threattin thair stay: he dynit at Doneypeace, and sovpit in the palace of Linlithgow. He come to Halyrudhous the nixt nicht; and comming by the long geat, the toun of Edinburgh met him in thair armes, [theare] being [with him] twa thousand horsmen or therby, and as the castle schot so did they give him ane woley: he wes ane great delyt to the beholderis.

At this tyme the accomplisment of the mariadge betuix Monfiour de Allansoun brother to the King of France, and the Queine of Ingland wes in handis and defyrit earnestly of hir: bot the nobilletie wes far against [it,] supposing ane inconuenient to inschew thairvpone.

Vpone Fryday the xvj day of October, his Majestie maid his entrance in Edinburgh. He come furthe of Dalkeithe quhair he had bein at banket four dayis of befor; he enterit at the West Poirt, quhair he wes met be the honest men of the toun cled in filk gounis lynit with weluet, to the number of j^s, vsing sikk ceremonies as wes requisit for a prince.

Vpone the xx day of the said monethe, being the first day of the parliament befor wreyttin, the magistratis of Edinburgh propynit the King with ane goldin copbuid, estimat to sex thousand merkis.

Vpone the xxiiij of the samyn monethe, the King come to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh; befor quhom the croune wes borne be Archbald erle of Angus, the sceptour be Coline erle of Ergyle, the fuord be Robert erle of Lennox.

The lordis of artickelis wer chofin this day, quhair of the erle of Mortoun, Ergyle, Rothes, Lennox, Egglintoun, Montroise, the lordis Lyndsay, Ruthuen, bischopis St Androis, Glasgou, Orkney, Aberdeen, Robert commendatour of Dunfermling, Dryburghe, Culros, Deir, &c.

Vpone the ellevint and tuelt dayis of November, the King come to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh, quhair the parliament wes concludit. In this parliament the commendatouris of Abberbrothok and Pallas, with fyfteine of thair number wer forfaitit, and thaire leivingis disponit. Pallas wes disponit to John erle of Mar.

In the monethe of Januar 1579, mairadge wes solemnizat betuix John erle of Atholl and the lord Ruthuenis dochter.

Vpone the xv day of Februar, the King depairted from Edinburgh to Sterling, accompanied onlie with his owin houlhold and dependenis. Efter the Kingis staving in Sterling ane litle space, the lord Obyanie wes maid erle of Lennox, be the voluntar dimissoun of the Kingis uncle Robert, thereafter stylit erle of Merche.

At this tyme his Majestie, hasing conceavit ane inuaird affectioun to the said lord Obynnie, enterit in great familiaretie and quyet purpoisses with him, quhilk being vnderstood to the ministeris of Edinburgh, they cryed out continually aganis atheastis and papistis that roundit in continually in the Kingis earis, saying it wald turne to his Majesties ruine, and the hurt of the trew professouris. Quhairvpone the King desyrit the said erle to confer with sum of the ministrie vpon the poyntis of religioun, quho willinglie granted, and promitted to give a confessioun of his faithe betuix that and the first of Junij nixtcome. Vpone the xvj day of Merche 1578 [9], the said erle of Lennox depairted from Sterling to Edinburgh quhair he remainit, and finally, befor his returning to Sterling, geve confessioun of his faithe in presence of the provest, bailyeis, counsell and communitie, and promitted, efter the subscriyving of the artickelis therof, not only to ratifie the same befor the King, bot

to die thairfor gif neid beis, defyring thame to esteime it ane vpricht and finfeire zeale without hypocretie.

In this meanetyme thair wes ane deadlie inimitie betuix the erle of Mortoun and Ergyle, arryng vpon ane repourt that come to the King, that the erle of Mortoun sould [have] transportit the King from Halyrudhous to Ingland. Quhairvpon folowit that in a general conuention in Sterling vpon the xxvj of Merche, amangis vtheris thingis, the erle of Mortoun geve in ane bill to the King, publicklye declairing that quhofoever he wes that brutit him of the afoirlaid calumnie, he lied in his throate, and gif his Majestie geve eare to fuche reportis of his nobiletie, it wold bring on great inconuenences to him selfe, his esteate and pepill.

Vpon the penult day of Apryle, Mr Bowis Inglishman come in ambassadge from Ingland to the King, anent the treating vpon maiteris of the borderis.

At this tyme the King tuik progres from Sterling be Perth to Dynnotar. Vpon the xxv day of Junij, thair wes ane great wynd that bred fundrie diffeases lettng for thrie dayis, and maid aidged personis depairt. Vpon the xij of August the King returnit, and come from Sterling to Halyroudous, quhair he remanit with his houshold.

Vpon the [ij] day of September, Mr Bowis wes sent ambassadour from Ingland, with ane general letter to the King and counsell, and with credit to him selff. The counsell being set, he wald not dischairge his commissioun quhill the erle of Lennox wes removit, quhilk being denyed, the King sent the lyk ambassadour with the lyk letter and credit to the Queine, and he staid vpon ansuer.

At this tyme John Dounie brocht the pest in Scotland in his schip quhairin war xl personis the maist pairt dead; directit to stay at St Colmsfinche.

In this meantyme vpon the day of October, John erle of Mar

was married in Kincardin vpon the lord Drummond's dochter, quhair the King was present. And the lord Ruthven returning thairfra coming by Dupling, vpon ane suddand chatmel was onbesat be the maister of Olyphant, quhair one Steuart brother sone of Trackquair was slaine : my lord only staid with sex or seven of all the number being lvi or thairby. Quhairvpon the lord and maister of Olyphant was charged to answer super inquirendis afor the counsell, vpon the penult of November, during quhiche tyme cartalis past betuix thame, bot tuik no effect. Heirefter my lord and maister of Oliphant's compeirit with thair assisteris to vnderly the law ; thair could not then be had a sufficient assyse, and so the maister was continovit : bot the puir men als weil on the one syde as vther clenyt. In the meantyme the lord Oliphant and maister wer fugitiues.

Schortly efter the guid mane of Northbervick was sent ambassadour to Ingland, for inquiryng the cause of Mr Bowis refusing to vtter his commissioun, and quhat sould bein the meaning of certane wordis of the generall letter ; as alsua to seik hir assistance for repressing the insolencies of the borderis ; and last for ordour taking with pirraties vsit aganis Scotis merchandis. Quho returnit with ane generall answer.

Vpon the last day of December 1580, James erle of Mortoun was accusit befor the King and counsell betuix four and fyve houris afternoon, be captane James Steuart, of the abhominable murther of the King's Majestie his father, and the person of Glasgou. A Douglas was declairit be directioun of the said erle to have bein at the deid doing. The same nicht the erle was commandit to keip waired within his house in Halyroudhous, vnder the paine of treasoun, and in Januar thairefter was committed to the castle of Edinburgh, quhair nane was sufferit to intercomoun with him, bot his four seruandis that did serue him. The said Mr Archbald Douglas lykwayis, being charged at his

house in Morayne, could not be apprehendit : and fir James Balfour wes new come out of France quyetly in Edinburgh.

Vpone the xvijj day of Januar 1580, the erle of Mortoun wes conuoved from Edinburgh castle to Dumbartane castle, with the erle of Glencairne, the lord Seattoun, Robert Steuart sewar of Orknay, the tutour of Cassilis, Bargany, Coldinknowis, Alexander Home of Manderstoun and twa hundrethe hagbutteris of Edinburgh. The nicht befoir, certane perfonis cryed aloud to the castle, that gif the captane sufferit him not to come furthe, the erle of Angus wald reuenge the quarrell vpone him. At quhilk tyme certane men of Edinburgh attendit the King baithe night and day. At quhilk tyme the erle of Angus geve up kyndnes with the erle of Lennox.

Vpone the same day Mr Randolphe, ambassadour fra the Quene of Ingland, come, and vpone the morne gat presence. The said ambassadouris petitionis wer, first, that the erle of Lennox sould be removit of the cuntrie, because, as wes evident be ane letter produced from the bischop of Rose, he had traffick with the papiftis, and wes sent for ane intelligence to the execution of the counsell of Trent. [Secundlie,] he desyrit that the erle of Mortoun sould be put to tryell, and that Mr Archbald Douglas mycht have libertie to come home to suffer the tryell of ane assyse [without tortour], and that fir James Balfour, quho wes returnit to Scotland, mycht be teane, layd handis on and tryed as culpable of the murthour of his father. Thir wer the speciall headis. Efter proponing quhairof he threattned wear, incaice he fulfilled not the effect of his petitionis. Lykas thair wes ane great number of men of wear quho come to Beruick, and geve occasioun to the King and counsell to fear the inschewing of wear vpone the realme ; and chaired all men betuix sextie and sexteine, to be radie to meit the King and his leiftennent, at quhat tyme and quhair he sould appoynt thame be the nixt proclamatioun, and the haill schirefdomes of the realme.

The anfueris to the ambaffadouris petitionis war thir : Tuitching the erle of Lennox and his removing, he declaired that he wes his cheife kynfman, and to his knavledge not giltie of fuche crymes as wer impute, and except he wer fund giltie efter tryell, he could not remove him vpon the ficht of the copie of ane letter. Nixt, the erle of Mortoun can not be put to a tryell quhill Mr Archbaldis tryell firft proceid, be reffoune he wes accufit as ane actuall committer of the flaunchter, and sent be the erle of Mortoun to that effect. Tuitching the tryell of the faid Mr Archibald without tortour, it is anfuerit it can not fand with the Kingis honour to enter in conditioun with his owin fubieft, speciallie in regaird of his cryme, quhilk can not be tried without tortour. As to fir James Balfour, it wes anfuerit that his Majestie knew not that he wes in Scotland.

Vpone the xx day of Februar, thair wes a conuentioun of the nobility and eftaites at Edinburgh, quhairat John erle of Montroife wes maid leiftennent vpon the borderis ; quhilk office he refufit to accept bot vpon fum conditionis, quhilk wes that he fould have xv^c futmen and v^c horfmen under waidges to pas with him to the borderis ; for payment quhair of thair wes ane taxatioun of xl^m pundis granted to be vp-lifted of the haill realme. He requyred the affiftance of the noble men, barronis and gentlemen duelland within his leiftennendrie.

Vpone the xxv day of Februar, the erle of Angus, prefent at the conventioun, flipped out of Edinburgh in the nicht, vpon a certane knavledge had of luif letters paff betuix the erle of Montroife and lady Angus, quhilk buir that gif the erle of Angus war wardit, then they nicht meit with uther at thair pleafer : thir letters war thocht heirefter to be forged, as it appeared they wer indeid.

Vpone the xiiij day of Merche, George Auchinleck of Balmano wes teane be captane James Steuart tutour of Arrane, and put to the tortour vpon certane crymes he wes accufit of, and speciallie of the mur-

thour of the erle of Atholl, and supprying of the Abbay of Halyroud-houfe, taking of the King furth therof, and of the plot for tranfporting him to England, and of reafing of fyre in Edinburgh at four feuerall pairtes. To this he anfuerit as folowethe, in generall maner denying flatlie the accusationis. Bot ane Alexander Lavfoun, feruitour to the erle of Mortoun, moift privie to the laid erle his effearis, efter tortour wes presentit, he confeft ane pairt of the confpiracie, and quhair the erles gold and money wes, togither with fundrie vtheris thingis quhilkis wer not knawin of befoir.

At this tyme the erle of Angus, being fufpected to be of mynd to bring in Ingland, and to mak defection from the Kingis obedience, wes chairged to enter his perfone in waird be northe the watter of Spay, as alfo to rander his houfe of Tamptalloun and Douglas, quhilkis he diffobeyit alluterlie. Theare wes fundrie vtheris of the erle of Mortounis freindis, and speciallie his twa fones, James pryour of Plufcardie, and Archbald Douglas of Pittindreiche, John Carmichell of that ilk, the laird of Maines [and] Perkhead chairged to anfuer fuper inquirendis; quhilk chairge they lykwayis diffobeyit, and fummondis of treafoun direct aganis thame. At this tyme the laird of Lochlevin being chairged enterit, quho wes wairdit beyond Cromartie.

At this tyme, Mr Randolphe, remaining a guid fpaice, practifing certane craftie confpiracies to the preiudice of the King and counfell, and at lenthe diflapoynted, being thocht authour of the afoirlaid confpiracie tuitching the tranfporting of the King to Ingland, he efter this culourit excuife, threattnit present wear, and depairted hameward fud-dandle.

Vpone the v day of Apryle, fir John Settoun, fone to the lord Settoun, wes direct ane ambaffadour from the King to the Queine of Ingland, with a commiffioun to treat vpon the present occafion of pear and wear: and, within thrie dayis efter his depairting, wes flayit at

Beruick, quhilk wes thocht ane strainge noveltie, that ane frie ambassadour, hasing neid of no pasport, fould be stayed. Within aucht or nyne dayis, the said fir John returnit backward from Bervick to the King.

At this tyme captane James Steuart wes maid erle of Arrane and lord Hamiltoun, frelie disponit to him be the King. And in this meanetyme, the Inglishche forces that wer lyand vpon the frontieris wer dissoluit withoute motioun of forder wear.

Thearefter the King come to Settoun, quhair he remainit fyve or sex dayis; and from thence to Dalkeith, quhaire he concludit with his counsell to fend for the erle of Mortoun from Dumbartane to the castle of Edinburgh, and to byd tryell of ane inquiryt. At quhilk tyme certane men, faoureris of the erle of Mortoun, wer commandit of the toun ten myles, vnder the paine of dead.

Vpone Tyfday the therd day of Maij 1581, the erle of Montroise and captane James Steuart erle of Arrane, accompanied with theare freindis and certane men of wear, come to Dumbartane, and transported the erle of Mortoun.

Vpone the xxvij day of Maij, the said erle of Mortoun come to Edinburgh, and wes put in Robert Gourlayis honse, quhair he wes fuirlye keipit be certane bandis of men of wear.

Vpone the first day of Junij 1581, the said erle of Mortoun wes put to tryell, and brocht to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh, quhair he wes accusit be James erle of Arrane, and Mr Robert Crichtoun the Kingis aduocat, of the treasonable murthour of the Kingis father, and of dyverse utheris treasonable crymes perpetrat be him. He wes put to the knavledge of ane affyse for the same; the names quhairof war Coline erle of Ergyle chancellor, James erle of Glencairn, John erle of Montroise, Hew erle of Egglintoun, Andro erle of Rothes, Alexander erle of Sutherland, George lord Settoun, James lord Ogilby, John lord Maxwell, Hew lord Summervell, James lord Innermeathe, fir John Gor-

doun of Lochinvar knyght, the laird of Wachtoun, the maister of Leivingstoun, fir John Learmonthe of Dearlie and the laird of Kilfythe: the said erle of Montroise was chancellor of the assyse. The said erle of Mortoun was conuict of airt and pairt for knavledge and conceiling of the murthour of the Kingis father, as wes cleared be fundrie instrumentis and instructionis producit befor the assyse, quhairof sum wer subscribit with his awin hand, and utheris be the handis of sick personis as wer actuallie present at the committing of the said murthour. And thearefor dome was pronuncit, that he sould be hanged, headit, quartered and drawin.

Vpone the secund day of the said monethe of Junij, the said erle of Mortoun was brocht to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, and theare beheadit. Being on the scaffald, he declaired that the erle of Bothuele, principall committer of the deid, come to him, and desyrit him to subscriue a band for perpetrating of the samyn. Quhilk band he refusit to subscriue, without the erle of Bothuel procurit the Queinis warrand to him thervpone; and sua the erle of Bothuell, not content with his answer, come never againe to suite him to the afoirsaid purpos. Aluayis he knew of the deid, and conceilit the samyn, and therfore meritithe deathe. And forder declaired vpon his conscience, that he nevir meanit any hurt or prejudice to his Majestie, and that he had alwayis behavit him selfe as his deutifull and obedient subiect, and sould bein as guid a legge as the King had in Scotland. He had great comfort that he died a cristiane, in the trew and sinceir professioun of relligioun, quhilk he cravit all the faithfull to folow, and abyde therat to the deathe. His head wes put up vpon the tolbuthe of Edinburgh, and his bodie buried heall.

All this tyme the court wes füllelie gydit be the erles of Lennox and Arrane, and quhatsoever wes doune wes focht by thame onlie. Vpone the morne, ane John Bynning seruitour to Mr Archbald Douglas, quho

declaired that he wes present at the said murthour, wes hanged, headit, quarterit and drawin. Vpone the sext of Junij 1581, the said James erle of Arrane wes married vpon dame Elifabeth Steuart lady Lovit, befor the erle of Merche his wyfe, bot diuorsit becaufe his instrument wes not guid. ✓

3 Vpone the [xv] day of August, the erldome of Lennox wes creat in ane deukrie, the lordschip of Dornlie in a erldome, and Tarboltoun in ane lordschip, and thereafter he wes namit diuk of Lennox, erle Dornlie, lord Tarboltoun, Obynnie and Dalkeithe, heiche chalmerlane &c., and proclamatioun maid heirvpone at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, be found of trumpet, heraldis, and utheris necessarie ceremoneis.

Vpone the xxix day of August 1581, the King maid progres from Edinburgh to Glasgou, and returnit to Edinburgh vpon xvj day of October 1581. At this tyme fundrie packetis tint in the Kingis chalmer. Vpone the xxiiij day of October, the parliament wes fenfit in the tol-buith of Edinburgh, quhaire the King come vpon the penult, accompanied with his nobiletie in rich attyre. Onlie the lordis of artickelis wer chosen that day.

Vpone the Sondag, being the day preceeding, certane erles wes belted in Halyroudhous; viz. Esme diuk of Lennox, erle Dornlie, lord Obynnie, Dalkeithe, Torboltoun, Aberdoure, knyght of Cruikstoun, great chalmerlane of Scotland; James erle of Arrane, lord Hamiltoun, knyght of Kynneill; Robert erle of Orknay, lord Chetland, knight of Birsay; William erle of Govrie, lord Ruthuen and Dirdltoun; and John erle of Mortoun, lord Maxwell, lord Esdail and Kairlille, knight of Mernis. The diuk had sex knyghtis, Arrane four, Govrie twa, Mortoun thrie.

Vpone the xj of November being Sondag, the maister of Ogilvie wes married vpon the erle of Govreis dochter in Halyroudhous, quheare theare wes great triumphe, especially vpon Weddnisday at nicht great fyre work.

Vpone the xxviij of November 1581, the King come to the tolbuith; the diuk of Lenox buir the croune, the erle of Huntly the fuord, the erle of Ergyle the fuord of honour. At quhilk tyme certane perfonis wer forfeited, as these that trafficked with Ingleifche nobility conspyred aganis the Kingis father, and persuaiding the Ingleifche nobelitie to leviat ten thousand men, to be brocht vpone the fronteiris for relieving the erle of Mortoun; viz. Archbald erle of Angus &c., Mr Archbald Douglas persone of Glasgou, John Carmichell elder, and Hew Carmichell younger of that ilk, Douglas pryour of Pluscarden, the erle of Mortounis bastard, and the laird of Spot, sicklyk and read Heckie Douglas. The samyn day, Andro Gray of Dornald wes forfeited for reafing fyre, and burning ane pairt of Readcastell; and ane Thomas Roreftoun for adulterus and fals money counyeid.

Vpone the morne the penult day of the said monethe, the diuke come nocht to the tolbuith, bot his plaice and the careing of the croune supplied be the erle of Huntly; the erle of Ergyle buir the septeour, and Atholl the fuord. It wes thocht that he absented him self because of ane discord fell out betuix the lord Settoun [and] sir John Settoun his sone. Many protestationis this day. And because the lord Settoun and his sone wer commandit to thair ludgingis, it wes thocht that sum inconveniences shuld folow. At quhilk tyme also the diuk and erle of Arrane, efter sundrie myntis, shuld fochtin the combat, and thearvpone arrease a suspitioun of the diuk his relligioun, and the maintenance of the murtheris of the Kingis father.

Vpone the xvij day of December, the King past out of Edinburgh to Dalkeith. Vpone the day of Januar, the ladie Arrane wes delyverit of ane sone in Halyroudhous. The King wes desyrit to the baptisme, bot in respect of the grudge betuix the diuk and him wes stayed. Lykas the King fend a letter wreyttin and subscribit with his awin hand to the Arrane, desyring him to compeir befor the counfall the

first day of Februar, for furrandering his office of the captanrie of the gairde; quhilk the said erle obeyed, and compearit, and brak his battoun. Efter his declaratioun of his cairfull keping of the King, quhair of he obteanit dischairge, he craued ane warrand to transport him selff of the countrie for fyve yeiris, and that he mycht have ane warrand for reconfiling the erle of Atholl, Crafurde and maister of Glamis, anent thair deadlie feadis.

At this tyme John erle of Mar wes send for, being out of the countrie, and reponit to his wonted credit with the King, and had his care. At this tyme Arrane depairted furthe of Edinburgh to Kynneil, quhair he remanit to the vij day of Marche 1581, and the samyn day returnit to Edinburgh to court; and then the diuk past to Dalkeithe. Vpone the [vij] day of the said monethe, the King went to Dalketh to ane banket, quhaire the erle of Arrane come on the morne, and the reconfiliatioun concludit theare. Vpone the xxj day of Marche, the King ryding to Sterling dynit be the way in Kynneill.

At this tyme the bischoprick of Glasgou waicand in his Majesteis handis throw the deceise of bischope Boyd last bischope, the diuk trauellit and effectuat with the King the making of Mr Robert Mongomerie minister of Sterling. Aganis the quhilk, baithe the deane and chapter and hail ministrie opponit in pulpit, publictly exclaming baithe aganis his doctrine, lyfe and conuersatioun, and intended proces of excommunicatioun aganis him for feiking the samyn, alledging that it had the warrand of the deuill and not of the word of God; bot wes damnit thairby. Notwithstanding quhairof, the King preferrit Mr Robert to the bischoprick, and he wes so acknavledgit be the King, counsell and court, bot nocht with the ministrie, quho thearefter accusit him at St Androis vpon vn-sufficient doctrine, and conuict. At the samyn tyme, the said Mr Robert with all penitence confessit his offence in thaire presence, in that he had aspyred to ane vnlawfull calling, and subscrit never to suite efter the

saïd bischoprick, bot to content him selfe with his former chairge ; and yet immediatly thairefter folowed furthe the fuite, and socht the fruites. Quhairvpone the ministrie being heichlie offendit, they chairged him of new for compearance befor the assemblie, of mynd to excommunicat him, quhair the laird of Mynto then proveit stayed the purpois, and dissolved thame perforce, sending sum to the tolbuthe, and dinging vtheris ; quhairvpone great truble rease betuix the colledges and the tounsmen. Lykas schortlie heirefter sum of the ministeris, for thair oppin misbehauour and exclaiming aganis Mr Robert, wes suspendit ; and yit Mr Robert wes excommunicat baithe in Libbertoun and Dalkeithe and Edinburgh : quhaire, efterhend resoirting from St Johnstoun, he wes oppinlie onbeset be lasses and rascalis of the toun, and howeid out of the toun be flinging of stones at him, out at the kirk of feild porte, and narrowly escaipid with his lyfe.

Vpone the xxvj day of Julij, Frances erle of Bothuell come from France, and landit at Leithe. [He] come to the King being at Perth, vpone the xxix day, quhair he wes hairtelie welcomed. The King come to the huntis to Atholl ; the diuk of Lennox returnit to Dalkeithe, Arrane to Kynneill, and left the King accompanied with the erle of Atholl, Govrie and his owin gaird allenerlie : And vpone the xxij day of August, returnit and come to Ruthuen.

Vpone the xxij day of the saïd monethe, the erles of Mar, Govry and thair freindis interprysed the takin of the King at Ruthuen. And the samyn nicht the erle of Arrane, being forseine of the erle of Mar, diuydit his cumpanies ; and quyetly knaving that he wes to be set one uther wayis be the way, come to the yet of Ruthuen, quhaire he wes let in, and seasit vpone, and teane put in waird in ane chalmer, and vpone the morne sent to Dupling. His brother William Steuart wes euill hurt, with fundrie vtheris of his cumpanie, and ane number teane also be the erle of Mar and his cumpany ; the erle of Mar [had] vj^{xx} horf-

men, and the said William fourtie. This wes donne betuix Perth and Ruthuen on the feildis. Vpone the morne the King come to Perth, quhair the noblemen geve in theare supplicatioun schewing the cause of the conflict, quhairvpone the King be oppin proclamatioun caufit notefie that he wes not deteanit, bot that they had doune guid seruice. At quhilk tyme the Diuk come from Edinburgh to Dalkeithe.

Vpone the penult day of August 1582, the King returnit from Perth to Sterling, accompanied with the erles Bothuell, Mar, Glencairne, Govrie, the lord Lyndsay, maister of Olyphant, theare hovshaldis and freindis, to the number of iiij, men or thairby. His Majestie wes resolut to ryd to Edinburgh vpone the morne, bot the lordis perswadit him to stay thrie or four dayis ferder. Vpone the same day the erle of Ardrane wes teane out of Dupling to Sterling, quheare he wes fuirly keipit be the erle of Govrie in his ludging. William and Robert Steuartis wer lykwayis transportit to Sterling, and wardit in the castle thair of.

Vpone the first day of September, the lord Hereis, Corstorphin, the laird of Kilfythe come to the King furthe of Edinburgh fra the diuk to Sterling as commissiонерis. They geve in certane headis and artickles, quhairvpone they defyrit anfuer; and heiring of the abbote of Nevbotles comming lykwayis from the diuk [they] continowit to geve anfuer to his comming; the effect quhairof wes this:—Gif the intentioun of the assurance cravit be the diuk of Lennox be that he may sailie go out of the realme, the samyn salbe granted, he depairting out of the countrie at quhat port he pleiffes, betuix the tent day of this instant, and the xx day of the samyn, and remaning quyetlie, accompanied with fourtie personis or thearby in the meanetyme quhill he tak schipping, and gifand ane warrand for randerig of the castle of Dumbartane in the handis of Johne erle of Mar for our fuirtie, and to be randerit be him within xv dayis thairefter to William Steuart of Caverstoun present captane, to be keipit be him, to the quhilk tyme he salbe in fuirtie; and efter his

departour armes falbe fet asyde : and that his anfuer returne quicklie heirvpone, betuix and Thursday at night the vj day of September, utherways no affurance.

Vpone the sext of September at sex houris at ewin, the diuk accompanied with thrie hundrethe men come out of Edinburgh to Glasgou, quhearvnto he come about sex houris in the morning, and from thence to Dumbartane, quhair he wes reffavit be his awin deputie William Steuart, and immediatly sent the abbote of Nevbotle [and] Lord Hereis with ane anfuer to the King and the lordis, and past againe to the diuk with thair last directioun to Glasgou, vpone the vij day fairfald.

In the meanetyme certane noblemen examinat the erle of Arrane in the houle, bot quhat his dispositioun wes it is vncertane to the wreytter heirof. At this tyme George Douglas brother to the laird of Lochleawin, sent for be the King to Sterling, wes wairdit, and teane, and examinat vpone a plot of conspiracie layd be him, tuitching the affociatioun of the King and Queinemothe in equall auctoritie, quhairof he confest a pairt, as wes spokin oppinlie. About this tyme the erle of Arrane is sent to waird to the plaice of Ruthuen.

Vpone the xij day of September, theare come fir George Dary and fir Robert Bowes esquyre, ambassadouris fra the Queine of Ingland; they reffavit presence of the King in Sterling castle vpone the auchtein day of September. The messedge wes ane intreatie of the Queinis for the restoiring of the erle of Angus. The King granted a licence to him to repaire within the countrie, and of his houle of Tamptalloun, vpone cautioun for redelyverie thairof and removing at the Kingis pleasour; quhilk the erle of Angus thinking litle worth, yit did not come a long tyme thearefter.

The diuk past out of Dumbartane at this tyme to the Gairloche, and tuik sail vpone Sonday in ane schip of Air, accompanied with ane vther schipp, the last of September 1582.

Vpone the Weddnifday the xvij day of October, in ane conuention at Halyroudhous, it wes aggreet that theare fould be ane great gaird teane vp for the King and nobiletie, to wit of horfmen ij ^c, and of futmen ij ^c alfo. In this meanetyne certane word of the diukis returning from his woyadg to Dumbartane. Theare affemblied at this conuention, the erles of Merche, Arrolle, Mar, Glencairne, Rothes, Govrie, Merchell, Egglintoun, Mortoun; the lordis Home, Hereis, Lyndfay, Easter, Sincler; the bifchopis of St Androis, Orknay and Dunkeld; abbottis of Dunfermling, Cambuskynnethe, Deir, Dryburche, Coldinghame, Culrofe, Inchefray, Paflay; and the commiffioneris of the head burrowis. At this tyme, the thingis that wer done at the read of Ruthuen, and the erles actoris of the famyn wes approvin be the King and conuention, quhilk wes ordeanit to be ratefeid in the nixt parliament.

Vpone the xxij day of October 1583 [2], Walter Steuart pryour of Blantyre wes directit, being ane of the Kingis cheife mynonis, to bring in the erle of Angus at Halyroudhous, he beand then at Coldinknowis, vpone thir conditiounis, viz. that the faid erle fould mak na band or ligge with onyman, without his Majesteis advyfe and consent; that he fould bear na quarrell or grudge toward the diuk of Lennox or erle of Arrane; and that he fould claime na kyndnes to the erledom of Mortoun, Dalketh, &c. without his Majesteis advyfe alfo. Vpone the xxiiij day, the King wes werie instant with the lordis to have the erle of Arrane releivit of his waird of Ruthuen, to the quhilk the lordis wer werie laithe. Yit they yeildit, the diuk of Lennox depairting according to conditioun to France, that the erle of Arrane fould be releivit, and wairdit beyond the watter of Erne, quhilk wes aggreet vnto als weill be the King as eftaites. Vpone the xxv day of the faid monethe of October 1583 [2], the erle of Angus come to Halyroudhous, quhaire he gat prefence of the King, and wes welcome to him. This fame tyme William Steuart brother to the earle of Arrane, wardit within

the castle of Sterling, wes ordeanit to be releavit, and ordeanit to remaine within the scheref dome of Aire, and to doe no herme to our soveraign lordis leidges utherwayis nor be law, vnder the paine of fyve thousand merkis.

Vpone the [v] day of November, it wes agreeit be the King and his counfall that the erle of Arrane sould be fred of his warde, and ordeanit to pas to Kynneill, and remane within four myles thairto, and not to come neir the King be ten myles, as he wald anfuer vpon his obedience. Befoir the passing of the act of counfall thairvpone, theare wes a command givin to stay the same, quhill the King wes advyfit, be the moyoun of Mr Bowis the ambaffadour of Ingland. All this tyme the diuk of Lennox wes in ane ile, awatand ane wynd. Vpone the [ij] day of December 1583 [2], the erle of Arrane escapit furthe of Ruthuen, and come to Couper in Angus, quheare he convenit with the erles of Atholl, Montroife, Crawford and utheris.

Vpone the feird day of December, the diuk of Lennox returnit to Blacknes fingle accompanied, quhilkis the lordis interpryleris wer afrayd of, hearing of the samyn. Vpone the samyn day or the morne, theare wes ane conspiracie sould beine accomplischt be the diuk of Lennox factioun aganis the lordis conspiratouris, bot the samyn wes detectit and disclofit. The maner wes this: that quhen the King sould be [at] desert at his supper, ane certane number of armit men incliofit in the abbay kirk sould come throw ane dur vnder the long galrey, and enter thairat, tak and inviroun the King, and kill and flik and hang all thame that they mycht have apprehendit of the lordis interpryleris and thair foloveris.

Vpone the sext day of the said monethe, Alexander Hay clerk of register wes directit with commissioun to Blacknes to the diuke of Lennox, desyring him to goe out of the realme, according to his promise and the Kingis first declaratioun, quhether he sould goe be sea or be

land. The said clerk of register had a charge of horning, incaice of refusall to bein execut aganis the diuk.

Vpone the vij day of the said monethe, proclamatioun wes maid at the croce of Edinburgh, chairging all and fundrie lordis, erles and baronis, to conueine and come to the King vpone the tent and xij dayis of the said monethe, vnder the pane of tinfell of lyfe, landis and guidis.

Vpone the vij day afoirsaid, the clerk register returnit with ansuer, schewing that the diuk wes myndit to depairt, incaice it wes his Majesties pleafour; 'yt craued that he mycht have tyme to provyd him selffe, that he mycht ryd away honestlie throch the countrie; and, in respect that he had nather money, provisioun nor clothes, he doubtit not bot, for his Majesties awin honour and his, he wold not suffer him to pas as ane slaue to his awin countrie, bot in sick soirt as he come within it, quhilk wes as a nobleman.

Vpone the ix day of the samyn monethe, Mr George Young secreta-rie wes directit to the diuk, with commissioun that he sould not stay, nor faile to transporte him selffe: quhom he found not in Blacknes, for he wes ridden to Calendar, quhair the said Mr George schew him the Kingis will, be quhat conuoy and quhat barronis he sould goe throw the countrie, and howsoone and quhair he sould be ilk nycht, and with the Queine of Inlandis saife conduct for passing thairthrow; certeseing him that gif he failyed he sould be denuncit rebell, and put to the horne, and that his houffes sould be charged to be randert, vnder the paine of treasoun, and to come vpone him and thame with fyre and svord, and all vther extremitie. Lykas the act of counfall wes past heirvpone. Vpone the tent day of the said monethe, the said Mr George returnit with this ansuer, that he wes willing to obey, and so wes purpoised to tak jorney from Lynlithgow to Haddingtoun the xij day of the samyn monethe. At quhilk tyme theare wes word of ane Frenche ambassadour.

Vpone Weddnisday the xij of the said monethe, the lairdis of Louthiane, direct from the King to conuoy the diuk, schew him that his supper was maid radie that nicht in Haddingtoun, and that fundreis was appoynted to attend him theare; bot he, alledging that braggis come to the yet of Calender be the erle of Maris seruandis, and that they wer of purpois to onbeset him in the way, craued of the King that he mycht be sufferit to go to the west bordouris, and be Carlelle throw Ingland to France, quhilk the King refusit, in respect of the brek of his double promeissia, and directit lettres to charge him to remove from Dumbartane to Bervick, betuix that and the xxij of that instant, vnder the paine of horning.

About the xvj day of the said monethe, the said Mr George Young was directit be the King to the diuk, beand in Dumbartane, hafand ane officer of armes with him rady to have exeeut the saidis chairges. Bot condiscendand thairto, and that he sould goe be Bervick, vpone the xx day of the said monethe he tiuk jorney, and, betuix that and the xxiiij day of the samyn monethe, was in Bervick, quhaire he remained bot a nicht; on the morne tiuk post to Londoun, being xxij horffles, and the maister of Leivingftoun ane of his trayne all the tyme; and the King fend him or he went, for his forderance, j^m crownis of the sone. It wes thocht he met the Frenche ambaffadour be the way about York.

Vpone the [x]vij day of Januar, thair come to Edinburgh ane Frenche ambaffadour namit Monsiour la Moit, quho wes ludgit in Robert Gourlayis house, and gat presence of the King vpone the morne, quhair the Inglishe ambaffadour met also with him. The Kingis Majestie, efter a conference had with the Frenche ambaffadour, rellavit the letter of credit; and efter it wes red, the King enterit in conference with him in presence of Mr Davidfone, ane Inglishe ambaffadour.

Vpone the xij day of the said monethe, the saidis Frenche and Inglishe ambaffadouris, in presence of the King and counfall, declaired

thair commiffiounis, quhair of the effect folovethe. Firft the Frenche ambaffadour declairethe that the King of France, hearing of the commotioun betuix the King and his nobiletie, willed ane revnioun to be maid amangis thame, fua as the King mycht keip his awin honour and priuiledges, and nawayis to be ftaynyied or preiudgit in ony foirt, becaufe he buir ane inteir affectioun to his Majeftie and his countrie; and that the ligge mycht indure betuix Scotland and France; and that we fould enter in freindfchip and amitie with the Queine of Iugland, to the quhilk effect fcho had alfo fent her awin ambaffadour, quho being prefent affirmit the famyn, and the ambaffadour vfit many argumentis to this effect.

Vpone the xvij day of Januar 1583 [2], thair arryved ane vther Frenche ambaffadour at Brunteland, namit Monfiour Manyeweill, and geve prefence to the King vpone the xxij of the famyn monethe. Vpone the [x] day of Februar, the faid Monfiour la Moithe, hafing reffavit ane guid anfuer to his commiffioun, reffavit lykwayis the banket in Archbalde Steuartis houfe in Edinburgh, and tiuk jorney by Settoun be the way to France.

Vpone the xx day of Februar 1583 [2], Coline erle of Ergyle command to Edinburgh, wes earneftlie focht be the erle of Angus and earle of Mar, to come vpone thaire factioun, quhilk he refufit, bot declaired he wold folow the Kingis will.

The Kingis Majeftie tiuk purpois to pas foreuard in his progres, vpone the xvij day of Maij 1583 [2], bot wes ftayed be great inftance maid be Mr Bowes ambaffadour for Ingland, till the tuentie day thearefter, and paff that nycht to Lynlithgow, quheare he remainit to the firft day of Junij, and from that to Dumfermling. The erles of Ergyle, Mar, Marfchell, Angus, Montroife, Bothuell wer with him.

Vpone the [x] day of Maij, coronall Steuart captane of the gaird wes fent ambaffadour to Ingland, craving hir advyfe to the Kingis ma-

riadge ; to renew the band of peax and amitie betuix the twa realmes ; to redresse the merchantis that wer rest be the sea be the Inglishe pir-ratis. Vpone the [ij] day of Junij, the coronall Steuart returnit home. at the narrest to Dumfermling.

At quhilk tyme word come in Scotland that the diuk of Lennox died in Pareisch, vpone the xxvj day of Maij. The King could hardlie trust this, hovbeet baithe the Inglishe ambassadour and ane poist assurit the treuthe of the samyn.

Vpone the xxvij day of Junij, the Kingis Majestie read suddandly from Falkland to St Androis, to the conuentioun, quhair he wes ludgit in the new Innes of St Androis, and efter supper went to the castle to his bedd, and stayed theare ; quhair the castle wes straitlie keipit, and na erles nor lordis sufferit to come in theareat, bot with fyve or sex in number. It wes thocht guid that the erles of Huntlie, Crafurd, Mar, Angus sould depairt from court, and pairt homewarth, till the Kingis will. Erle of Mar and Angus past hame indeid, bot Huntlie and Crafurd stayed still at Kearnie in Fyffe ; lykas the erle of Huntlie come back to the King, and stayed to his removing to Falkland.

The Kingis Majestie at the said conuentioun nominat the lordis and utheris folowing, to attend vpone his Majestie at all tymes as his priuie counsell ; to wit, the erles of Marche, Marschel, Montroise, Rothes, Govrie and Ergyle, together with his officeris of estaite ; and that nane vther sould repair to his Majestie, without they wer send for, and had a speciall warrand to that effect. At this tyme Crovnar Steuartis answaris wer hard be the King and counfill. And at the Kingis comming to Falkland, he tuik occasioun to wreyt for his nobility afoirsaid, with utheris commissioneris of barronis and burrowis, to meit him at Perth. This conuentioun wes the xxij day of Julij or thairby, and continovit the space of x or xij dayis.

At this tyme certane of the Kingis seruandis, officiaris and utheris

servandis, fauoraris of the erle of Mar, was dischargit court ; as namly Dounypace and Carnok maister steblaris, Easter Weymis maister hovf-hald, William Elphingstoun maister schewer and fundrie vtheris. Lykas the haill remnant war intendit to be dischairged, and a chairge send out for randerin of Lochleavin to the officiar. And ane vther conuentionoun appoynted to be at St Androis, the xv day of August thereafter, for ordour taking with the haill effairis of the country.

Proclamationis wer directed, that the diuk of Lennex had depairted ane trew cristiane, and speciall embrasser of the relligioun, and thairfoir inhibiting ony man to spaik or repoirt of him vtherwayis, vnder the paine of dead. Ane vther proclamatioun, declairing how he had bein abvfit the yair preceeding be his owin subiectis, and how he had bein deteanit at the read of Ruthuenis aganis his will, and haldin captive be thame. The thrid proclamatioun wes charging all his subiectis, betuix sextie and sexteine within the scherefdom of Fyff, to meit his Majestie at Falkland the xxiiij day of August, theare to await his Majestie, for bearing furthe his seruice and auctoritie, vnder the paine of tinsell of lyfe, landis and guidis.

Vpone the thrid of August, the King past furthe out of Perth to Falkland, quhair he remanit to the xv day. At quhilk tyme he red to the conventionoun at St Androis, quheare many of the nobilletie and ministerie wreyttin for wer present ; quhaire the King, counsall, nobilletie and a great pairt of the ministerie aggreit, and thay promitted to spaik nothing bot of that quhilk wes [not] contrarius to the will and word of God ; theare wer mony vtheris thingis condiscendit to. Creall and Anstrethare wer in armes : and at the Kingis depairtour, theare arose a great contentioun betuix certane for keping the castle to the Kingis Majesteis returning ; viz. the bischop and laird of Segie on the ane pairt, and provest and bayleis on the vther pairt. The commonn bell rang, and appearance of great truble ; at lenthe the castle wes ran-

derit to the provest, be reasoun he had the Kingis warrand for keiping therof to his backcoming.

Vpone the first day of September or thearby, theare come ane Inglishche ambaffadour in Scotland, namit fir Francis Welchinghame the Queinis secretare, ane man of great credit and reputatioun, ane of the speciall counsellouris, and halderis of the great materis of Ingland. The King, being in Falkland, heiring of his comming, appoynted him to meit him at Perth, quhaire the ambaffadour come vpone the aucht, and gat presence vpone the tent day. His commissioun wes in effect this; this ambaffadour thocht him selff not so weill interteanied and conuoyed as wes requisit to his estaite, and therfoir defyrit the heaftier depesche and anfuier, and sua reffavit his anfuier vpone the xij day of the said monethe. Vpone the threttein day, the ambaffadour tuik his journey from Perth to Ingland; and the King to Falkland, quhair he remanit quhill the day of October, at quhilk tyme the erle of Arrane wes maid captane of the castle of Sterling, and provest of the toun. The erle of Mar at this tyme duelt in Erskyn, and wes commandit of the countrie. Vpone the xij day of November 1583, the King went to Kynneil to banket, quhaire he remanit till the xv day, at quhilk tyme his Majestie read to Edinburgh.

Vpone the xij of the said monethe, Lodouick diuk of Lennox, sone to the lait diuk, arrayvit at Leithe. He wes transported out of Leithe vpone the xiiij day of the said monethe to Kynneill, be the erles of Arrane and Huntlie. About the tent day of December, the erle of Mar and his confederatis, viz. the abbot of Cambuskynnethe, maister of Glamis, the laird of Lochleavin, Cleishe, Buchuane fand cantoun they sould not be fund ather in Scotland, Ingland or Irland, and not to returne without the Kingis licence. The erle of Angus wes wardit beyond Spey.

About the xx day of the said monethe, ane lord Andreas Keathe,

Scottfman, and a counfellour to the King of Suadden, come to vifit the King and freindis. He was a gallant man of proportioun and fafchioun ; and albeet of meane parentis, yit throw his guid behauiour promovit to great honour and promotioun.

In the end of Februar 1583, William erle of Govrie wes commandit to go of the countrie, and obteanit licence to that effect, to depairt betuix and the laft day of Marche thereafter. Sundrie vtheris, as namely, Carmichell, the erle of Mortounis bastard fones, Parkheadis fones and vtheris wer chargit of the countrie. Proclamatioun wes maid, commanding thse quho war charged to go of the countrie to heaft thame felffes with all diligence, betuix and the day appoynted, utheways that they fould be takin and execut ; and ficklyk that naine of the leidgis fould fupplie, refet, intercommoun with thame, or have intelligence from thame, vnder the paine of incurring his Majeftis heiche wreathe and indignatioun.

Vpone the xv day of Marche, the faid lord Andreas Keith gat from his hichnes certane fifthes of his Majeftis propertie in Rose, [and] wes maid lord Dingvall in Halyroudhou, with fick folemneteis as in fick caiffes as ar vfe and wont.

Vpone the xvj day of Apryle, William erle of Govrie, not being depairted out of the countrie according to his licence, bot remaining vpone wynd and wether as he alledgit, wes takin be crounar Steuart and certane of the Kingis gaird, within the toun of Dundee, and brocht to Halyroudhoufe vpone the xvij day of the faid monethe, pairtly be fea and pairtly be land.

Vpone the famyn xvij day of Apryle 1584, the erle of Mar, the abbottis of Paflay, Dryburghe with certane freindis of the erle of Anguffe tuik the caftle of Sterling, and the toun ; at quhilk tyme the erle of Angus, maifter of Glamis and certane uthers freindis repairit thither, and furnifchit the caftle, quhilk of befoir wes werie euil wictuallit.

Quhair vpone it folowit, that the Kingis miſſiues and proclamatioun wer direct, for reafing the hail forces of the countrie vpone the ſaidis perſonis, for repreſſing of thame, vnder the paine of tinfell, &c.

Sundrie vtheris chairges wer direct, eſpeciallie aganis the lordis of feſſioun, laueris, wreyteris and all, to pas and diſludge thame out of the toun, and taking in the caſtle; and ſiclyk aganis the lordis, for withdrawing thame ſelfis; and aganis the inhabitantis, to withdraw thame ſelfis fra the ſaidis rebellis, vnder the paine of treafoun, with certificatioun, &c.

Vpone the xxj day of Apryle, coronall Steuart, accompanied with the Scotis and Elliotis to the number of vj^c men, with utheris, at thaire comming to the Falkirk, the toun and barronie of Glaſgow being theare preſent rady to meit the King, being numberit to be xv^c men or thair-by, the maifter of Leivingſtoun being lykwayis with his force at the Falkirk, vpone the tother morne thairefter the crouner come theare, the lordis and ſuppryſeris left the toun and fled. The keyis of the toun wer delyverit be the bailyeis of the toun to the coronell Steuart at Falkirk, quhairvpon the hail force that wes theare (except Glaſgow, that paſt home for the ſaiftie of thair awin toun) paſt in to the toun. The caſtle wes randerit to the maifter of Leivingſtoun within twa dayis thairefter, without ony conditioun, and the crouner and his force of horſmen folowit the rebellis that wer fled. In the fleeing about Lenrick, ane Archbald Douglas that wes called Arche the conſtable, wes teane be the laird of Johnſtoun, and ane vther Mr John Forbes the erle of Maris ſeruand, alſo teane in Lenrick, and brocht to Sterling. And within thrie or four dayis after the Kingis Majeſties coming to Sterling with his hail forces, the erle of Govrie wes ſent for. Quheare alſo certane cairted peices wer brocht, to beſeidge the caſtle.

After the randerig of the ſaid caſtell, quhilk wes vpone the xxvij day of Apryle 1584, the hail perſonis thairintill, to the number of xxx

personis, wer teane out and wardit within the tolbuie of Sterling, and sum escapit be looping over the wall of the castle. Vpone the secund day of Maij, the personis that wer in the castell thollit law, and all being conuict wer presented to the scaffald ; foure onlie wer execut, quhair of twa wer Douglasses.

Vpone the feird day of Maij 1584, the said William erle of Govrie, Archbald Douglas and Mr John Forbes wer accusit in my lady Maris ludging, of dyverse poyntis of treafoun and leasemaistie, conuict thair of, and justefied to the dead for the samyn ; the said erle beheadit, and the vther twa hangit at the croce of Sterling. The erle of Govrie vttered his harrang with ane guid countenance, and in guid langadge, and with ane humble spirit, as appeared.

Vpone the sext day of Maij, the King and all his force being at Sterling, estemat to tuelf thousand men at the least, tuik journey thairfra toward Edinburgh ; at his cumming certane pertakeris with the lordis war chairged super inquerendis. Certane ministearis, fearing thame selfis suspect of pairtaking with the lordis, fled the countrie befor the chairge gevin ; namely Mr Andro Polwart subdeane of Glasgou, Mr Patrik Galloway minister of Perth, Mr James Carmichell minister of Haddingtoun, and Mr John Daudison minister at Libertoun. Thear- efter ane great number of houffes pertening to those quho wer suspect of this treafoun wes charged to be randerit. And fundrie noblemen wer wreyttin for to be at the parliament then appoynted, quhilk wes called a rynning parliament.

Vpone the xix day of the samyn monethe, the King come to the tolbuie of Edinburgh, and theare cheifit the lordis of artickelis of parliament. Thay sat vpon the artickelis in Halyroudhous quhill the xxij day of the samyn monethe, at quhilk tyme the King come to the tolbuie, accompanied with his nobilletie, and maid fundrie notable guid actis, and continewit all to the thrid day of August thairefter. This

parliament wes continowit to the xx day of August. Vpone the [8] day of Junij, Mr James Laufoun and Mr Walter Backanquhale minifteris of Edinburgh, fled to Ingland, quhair they stayd, and no man knew quhairfoire.

Vpone the viij day of August, the castle of Edinburgh wes randerd be Alexander Erkein of Gogar captane thair of, at the command of the King, to the erle of Arrane, quho rellavit the samyn himselfe, and appoynted his owin deputeis and keiperis. At quhilk tyme ane George Drummond and the proveft of Glenclouden discouerit ane interpryse and conspiracie about the slauchter of the erle of Arrane, and surpryng the castle and toun of Edinburgh, and fundrie vther noblemen, as wes spokin.

At wester Weymife the end of the samyn monethe of July, the pest wes brocht in Scotland, quheare many depairted. Vpone the xix day of August, the King come from Falkland to Edinburgh to the parliament; vpon the xx day of the said monethe, past from the proveftis house, quhair he wes ludgit, and chosit the lordis of artickelis. At quhilk tyme the erles of Angus, Mar and maister of Glames, the countesses of Mar and Govrie with dyverse vtheris wer forfeited, and sum vtheris continowit to the xx day of September: aganis this tyme the King geve commissioun to certane lordis, to hald the parliament as gif he had bein present him selfe. And vpon the xxiiij day of August, the King past from Edinburgh to Falkland, and fra thence to Ruthuen, quhaire he remaning ten dayis or ever he knew theare wes sex houffes infectit in Perth, his seruandis being theare: And thairfoir with a few number, the samyn nycht depairted to Tullibardin, and from that to Sterling, leavand his haill hovfald and seruandis incloist in Ruthuen.

Vpone the [v] day of October, lord Claud Hammiltoun returnit in Scotland, fra the pairtes of Ingland, quhaire he wes banischit the space of four yearis or thairby, come to the plaice of Settoun, fra that to

Nithrie, and then vpone the Kingis warrand, to the northe to my lord Huntlie. Vpone the secund day of December 1584, ane Eduard Henrifoun a baxter in Edinburgh pat ane candle and certane povlder in ane hadder stack of his fatheris in Foftaris wynd, and desperatly brunt the famyn, and his fatheris ludging nixt thairto, for the quhilk he was takin vpone the morne, and brunt quick at the croce of Edinburgh.

About the letter end of Januar, theare was a conspiracie discovf[er]it be Hamiltoun of Inchemachane, anent the taking of the King at the hunting, or careing him to the Merse, be the erle of Angus and Maris confederates, or killing him vnnaturally. Quhairvpone Duntreathe, Drumquhafell and the laird of Maynes being teane and accufit, Duntreathe confest, and fyled; Drumquhafell and Maines quho wold never confes, they wer execut, and Duntreathe spaired for his confessioun.

Vpone the vj of Apryle 1585, Robert Maxvell brother to the erle of Mortoun brunt the laird of Johnstounis house of Lochivood, and being accompanied with fundrie freindis, tuik a great number of his men. About this same tyme, word come of the diuk of Gvyse and his xl^m men, that wer on the feildis aganis the King [of France] as wes allegit, bot yit [it wes] devyfit aganis the King of Navarre and the protestantis. Immediatly theirefter lord Claud commandit againe of the countrie, notwithstanding of the Kingis warrand afoir said. Vpone the first day of Maij 1585, the King red to Dirdltoun with my lord Arrane, to the bancket. Vpone the vij day of the same monethe, the pest wes brocht out of St Johnstoun to Edinburgh to the fischmercate, be ane voman that ludgit theare.

Vpone the xv day of Maij, the justice clerk ambassadour returnit from Ingland againe to Scotland. About the beginning of Junij thair-
after, Mr Wytoun ambassadour come from Ingland to the King from the Queine, accompanied with xxiiij horfmen, and geve ansuer to the justice clerkis instructiounis. Theare followit him sex horffe with theare

ackippadge, quhilkis wer delyverit to his Majestie in propyne fra the Queines Majestie.

Vpone the tuelt day of Junij 1585, the King of Denmerkis ambaffadouris thrie in number, quhair of ane wes a doctour of the lawis, and the vther twa speciall men, come to Scotland and arryved at Leithe; propper men weill cled efter thaire owin faschioun: they wer in trayne four scoir perfonis, tuelf thairof in gold cheneis. They come to Dunfermling within four or fyve dayis thereafter to the King, quhair they had prefence and dischairgit thair commissioun, quhilk wes that they delyred to redeime Orkney and Chetland, vnder reuerfion as thay alledg- it of ane certane sounge of mony, quhilk they had rady to configne instantlie. The Kingis Majestie, with advyse of his counsell, at St Androis thereafter give thame this ansuer, That thair wes no such reuerfion knavin to thame, bot they shold try and send ansuer schortlie with theare awin ambaffadour. So they tiuk jorney at Dundie, and wer feasted at St Androis.

Vpone the xxix day of Julij 1585, word come that theare fell out a great truble vpon the middle merche of the border, betuix Fernihearst warden, and sir John Forrester opposit, quhair sir Frances Ruffell sone to the erle of Bedford wes slaine, and a great number of Inglischmen teine. The Inglische ambaffadour Wittoun, moift greivit for this slauchter, maid the King beleive that the erle of Arrane wes the cause of the samyn, and that he had doune it to dissolue the peax. Heir vpon his Majestie causit command the erle of Arrane to waird within the castle of St Androis, quhair he enterit vpon the xxix day of Julij, quhair he staid sex or sevin dayis. And the King, not finding ony probabilitie of his challenge, causit put him to libertie vpon the v day of August, and then he past to Kynneill, and caution fund for reentrie.

Vpone the vj day of August 1585, the King red out of St Androis to Sterling. Immediatly thairefter thair died iiij^e personis of the pest, so

that St Androis wes left almoist desolat. During all this space, the Inglishche ambassadour accompanied the King in his progres to Inchemirrane and Hammiltoun. Vpone the tuelt of October, the Inglishche ambassadour flippit priuelie throw the park of Sterling with ane or twa hamewart. All this tyme the pest wes wehement in Edinburgh, so that in the nycht thair died iij or iiij^{xx} personis.

Vpone the xvij and nyntein dayis of October, the erle of Angus, Mar and maister of Glamis come to the Feirise [Fleuris?] besyd Kelfo, the laird of Seffuirdis house, quhair the erle of Bothuell and Home, the haill Merse and Hamiltonis with sundrie vtheris ioynit with thame. The crownar Steuart with twa or thrie hundrethe men past to Peblis, for reasing of the countrie to resist the lordis, bot wer dissapoynted. Johne lord Hamiltoun, the erle of Mortoun with all thaire forces met the vther lordis at Lenrick in Hamiltoun, and come fordward, joyning all in ane to come to Sterling, and tuik the plaice of Wodhead besyd the Torwood. Vpone the first of November, they stented thair pellionis at Sanct Rinianis kirk besyd Sterling, flood all that nicht, and being thrie or four thovsand men strong, enterit within the toun be the dawing of the day; surprysed the samyn at dyverse pairtes, and pat the erles of Arrane, Montroise, Crafurde, Glencairn, Arroll and Rothes, the Kingis forces, to the flicht; tuike the erles of Erroll, Glencairn, Rothes and a great number in the toun at theare plesour: at this tyme none wes slayne bot thrie or four on baithe the sydes; great reaf of horfle and guidis be William Kynmonthe and his bairnis. They sufferit no wictualis to enter at the castle, bot sa meikle as seruit the Kingis awin mouthe, quhill at last the King causit hald up ane quhyt acapkein, and craue the assurance, promising the randeriing of the castle. Quhilk being randerit, they tuik the erle of Montroise, Crafurde, crownar Steuart, fir William Steuart captane of Dumbartane and his brother, and set all the rest at libertie.

The said erle of Arrane escapit at theare entrie in the toun, and past over Forthe in ane auld boit, and went throw Monteth to Dunbartane, quhaire he sleipit thrie or four houris, and then past to Fairlie Read, quhair ane Jamefoun awaited him with a schipp. The Kingis Majestie at the entrie of the saidis personis reffavit thame all in his mercie; and began at the lord Hamiltoun, enterit in conference with him, and as appeared loved him best. Vpone the vj of November, the erle of Mortoun with all his men of wear went homewart.

At this tyme the current parliament, begun of befoir, wes ordeanit to be haldin at Linlithgow the first day of December: vpon the nynt of November, the King went from Sterling to Linlithgow. The said parliament wes haldin vpon the feard of December 1585, in the great hall of Linlithgow. The honouris wer borne, viz. the croune be the diuk of Lennox, the sceptour be George erle of Huntlie, and the fuord be John erle of Atholl; and the secund day the sceptour be the erle of Angus, and fuord be the erle of Bothuell.

In this parliament John lord Hamiltoun, Archbald erle of Angus, John erle of Mar, the maister of Glamis, the abbottis of Dryburghe, Cambuskynnethe and theare foloveris forfalded of befoir, the reliet and sones of William erle of Gourie wer all restoirod to thair landis and leivings and honouris, and a generall remissioun gevin to the erle of Mortoun for all his attemptis sen the lxix yeir of God, &c. And lykwayis a generall remissioun to all the gentlemen thair foloveris, for quhatsumever attemptis during the said spaice, and reponit aganis all decreitis or actis maid of befoir aganis thame.

Commissioun to the erle of Huntlie to pas to the Fairlie Read, and tak the erle of Arrane: the accusatioun wes for jowelis quhairwith he medlit in the castle of Edinburgh, quhair of he wes captane. Bot he being forseine escapit in ane fere boit to ane iland, and quhen the erle of Huntly depairted, then he returnit to the said Fairlie Read. The

pryor of Blantyre wes sent a litle befor this for the jovelis, bot come no speid. Vpone the viij day of December, fir William Steuart wes sent for the jovelis to the erle of Arrane in Fairlie Read ; reffavit the cheife jovell, namely the H, with ane chenye, and brocht the samyn to the Kingis Majestie, and delyverit thame in his owin hand. Vpone the xvij day of the samyn monethe, the erle of Craford brak waird in Kynneill.

At this tyme Mr William Watfoun and Mr John Hovefoun wer convenit afor the King, for calling and compairing him to Jeroboam, that wicket king and idolator. Vpone the xxj day, James Gibsone wes lykways called befor the King for vttering of these wordis, ' I belevit that it wes the erle of Arrane, his brother and lady Jefobell that wer persecutouris of the kirk, bot now I fie it is the King him selfe. Jeroboham with his posteretie wes riuted out, and I fear the lyk come of our King if he continow.' These wordis he confessed and subscibit in presence of the King, and sayd he wald abyd thairat to his deathe. Quho being removit, wes fund by the voice of the King and counfall, to have committed treasoun, and so wes committed to the castle of Edinburgh to forder tryell.

Vpone the xij day of Januar, theare arryvit ane Frenche ambassadour at Leithe, and wes to stay lang in Scotland : a young man of xxiiij yeires of aidge ; his name wes signiour Gofferson. Vpone the [vj] day of Februar, lord Claud commendatour of Pallay come in to Brunteland, and vpon the morne gat presence at Halyroudhous ; a man weill lykit of be the King for his wit, and obedience in comming and going at the Kingis command, and for reueiling of certane interpryses of the lordis at thair being in Ingland.

Vpone the [xij] day of Februar, fir William Steuart brother to the erle of Arrane wes teane be the lord Hamiltoun at Strabrok, and carried with him to Hamiltoun, bot thereafter fet to libertie at Edinburgh,

and the erle of Arrane selff chaired in the end of Merche to depairt furthe of the countrie, betuix and the sext of Apryle, vnder the paine of treasoun; quhilk he obeyit, and went to Irland or Kintyre; bot the lady returnit to Killeithe.

About the xvij of Apryle 1586, the archbifchope of St Androis Adamfoun wes misffit and struckin be the maister of Lyndfey, Abbothall and vtheris, for his vndecent lyfe, and excommunicat be the ministrie. Quhairvpone the King caufit charge the saidis perfonis, as also Mr Andro Melvill principall of the new colledg, Mr James Melvill and certane vtheris of the ministrie that excommunicat the said archbifchope, to compeir befor his Majestie and counsell to anfuer thairvpone.

About the xx day of Apryle, Hew erle of Egglintoun a comlie brave nobleman, passand fra his awin houe to Sterling, wes onbeset in the way and slayne be Robertland, Arkett, and certane vtheris of the surname of Cunynghame, betuix him and quhom theare floode deadlie feid. At this tyme Mr Archbald Douglas, quha wes banischit for the murthour of the Kingis father, be the moyene of Randolphe the Inglishche embassadour, is ressavit, and brocht in, maid his awin purgatioun.

About the xxij of the said monethe, the lordis of secreit counsell caufit assurance to be maid betuix the erle of Mortoun and the laird of Johnestoun, and amangis fundrie vtheris barrons of the west merche. At this samyn tyme, the commissioneris of Scotland and Ingland appoynted to meit for satling of the bordouris: the commissioneris wer the erle Bothuell, the lord Boyd and fir James Home of Coldinknowis for Scotland; and for Ingland, the erle of Rutland, lord Riveris and Mr Randolphe embassadour. Vpone the xxvij day of Junij 1586, proclamatioun wes maid that all the leidges shold ryse with xl dayis provisioun, for ordour taking with the theifes of the bordouris, under the paine, &c.

At this tyme a word wes of a conspiracie aganis the Queine of Ingland, be our Queine of Scotland. Vpone the fourt of September, the

marriage betwix Lodovick duke of Lennox, and the only dochter of the lord Hamiltoun, was agreed vpon in presence of the King, quho subscribed for the duke, and the lord for his dochter, in the palace of Hamiltoun.

Vpon the xvij day of September 1586, thaire was a conuention of the estates at Edinburgh, quhair ane taxation of xv ^m lib. was granted, for supplying the Kingis leiftenant to giang vpon the bordouris, and the erle of Angus maid leiftenant for this effect. At this tyme the erle of Mortoun, lord Maxwell was charged afair the counsell, for answering for his kyn, freindis and brokin men. He compearit not, bot sent ane excuse that he had ane tryft with the lord Scrupe: the King offendit heirwith, was meast be my lord Hamiltoun.

About the beginning of November, word come that Queine mother was teane, and conuict of treason aganis the Queine of Ingland; at quhilk tyme William Keathe was direct to Ingland to work for the Queens releif: quhair of certane word come thereafter, and that ane nobleman was come out of France for fuitting her releife. Immediately thereafter, ane conuention of the haill nobillity and estates ordeanit to be at Edinburgh, vpon the xv day of December, for directing of sum noble men ambassadouris for the Quenis releife. It wes thocht be his Majestie that Ingland durst not put hand in hir. At the samyn conuention Patrik maister of Gray, abbot of Dumfermling, and sir Robert Melwill of Murdecainy knight, wer directit ambassadouris and sent quickly away, so as they tuik poist at Bervick. Certane instructionis wer givin thame in wreyt, for the seiking of the Quenis releife.

At this tyme ane voluntar subsidie was concludit of all rank of personis, in caise of executioun of the Queine, to have gone vpon Ingland, and for directing ambassadouris to France, Spayne and Denmark; and this to be imbrocht vpon the Kingis owin missive letter.

About the first of Februar, thaire come a poist directit from our awn

ambassadouris, schaving that the executioun wes continowit, and that they had gottin ane anfuier little to thair contentment. Quhilk the King heiring of, send with the samyn poist immediatly back ane bragging letter to the Queine of England, awovand, gif his mother war not spaired he sould be avendged, and seik the support of all the princes of Europe for this effect. Quhilk letter and poist met the ambassadouris on the way, who directit thame for delyverie of this letter to Mr Archbald Douglas, to be presented be him to the Queine of England. The Kingis Majestie, to testefie his earnest and naturall affection to his mother, caufit pray for hir oppinly efter him self; quhairvpon arose a great dissension betuix sum of the ministrie and his Majestie, namely the ministrie of Edinburgh. Quhairvpon the King appoynted Patrik archbischope of St Androis to teache, bot he wes preuented be Mr John Covpar minister, quho come befor and filled the pulpit. And as the said Mr John wes beginnand the prayer, the Kingis Majestie commandit him to stay: so as Mr John raschit michtely vpone the pulpit, saying, 'This day fall bear witnes aganis yow in the day of the lord: woe be to ye Edinburgh, for the last of xj plaiges salbe the worst!' And so come down from pulpit, and the hail wyfis removit with a great clamour. And thereafter the bischope of St Androis gead vp to the pulpit, and tacht ane fermone concerning the praying for princes, quhairat the hail peipill that wes in the kirk left wer muche movit, and thocht the Kingis desyre most reffonable. Lykas the ministeris being called befor the King [that] efternounge, this ordour wes teane, that Mr John Covpar, Mr William Watloun and Mr Walter Backanquill sould be dischargedit from preaching or prayeris, till sick tyme as iniunctionis wer set down to thame. The said Mr John wes wardit at Blacknes, and thereafter releivit, command in the Kingis will, and agreand to his desyre.

Vpone the vj day of Februar 1586, the maister of Gray, fir Robert

Melvill and William Keathe ambassadouris at Ingland returnit home ; quha declaired that the Queine wes in the same place schoe wes in of befor, and that thay could have no assurance of hir lyfe ; and that ane Inglishe ambassadour wes foloving thame, to persuaid the King that it wes bathe for his weill and honour to have hir execute. Vpone the xv day of Februar thaire come a poist fra Cessfurde, [who] being warden reffavit word from sir John Forester opposit warden, that the Queine wes beheadit, vpon the aucht day of that samyn monethe 1586. Because the King reffavit na advertisment heirvpon him selfe, he suspenderit his judgement : the maiter wes incredible to him ; and thairfoir past to his wounted pastyme to Calder, quhair he remanit ane nicht.

In the meanetyme Carie the ambassadour come to Bervick, and desyred ane pasporte. Vpone the xx day of Februar, his Majestie sent Mr George Young to the embassadour to Bervick, desyring to vnderstand quether his mother wes execut or not, and if sche wer not to give him pasport, bot utherwayis to returne. Quho, vpon the xxiiij of the said monethe, returnit with his ansuer, that the Queine mother wes execut : quhilk the King vnderstanding, wes in great displeasour, and went to bed without supper ; lykas on the morne he past solitarlie to Dalkeithe, desyring to be solitar. The said ambassadour sent in ane Inglischeman captane Carvell to declare, that [seing] his Majestie tuike the deathe of his mother so heichlie, he mycht be hard to oppin his commissioun befor certane of his hienes privie counfall ; quhilk wes yeildit to, and sir Robert Melwill and the laird of Coldinknovis sent as twa of the privie counfall, to meit the ambassadour at Fouldeine kirk, the xiiij of Merche 1586.

Vpone the same xiiij day, the saidis ambassadouris met with xxiiij personis on ather syde. The Inglishe ambassadour desyred that the leage and amitie betuix the twa natiounis micht be confermit, and inviolablie observit, because, sayd he, the Queine wes werie forie for

taking Queine Mareis lyfe, and it wes doune by hir knavledge, and fen
fua it wes, willed the King to fuit quhat fatiffactioun he pleafed, and
it fould be granted.

It wes anfuerit be the faidis commiffioneris, that gif the faid ambaffa-
dour wald affirme in his miftris name, that that murthour wes commit-
ted aganis hir directioun and will, the King thair maifter willed that
the names of the authoris and committaris thairof wer divulgat, and
manifested to his hienes ; and gif the Queine of Ingland war not hable
to be reuendgit of her awin fubiectis, that his Majeftie wald hald hand,
with all the force he mycht, to punifche the authoris and committeris
thairof, and concur with hir and hir forces for that effect. And as for
feiking fatiffactioun, they thocht that vnfeimlie that he fould fell his
owin bloude, for it is the cuftome of Scotland, that, gif the meanest
gentleman that hes his kynfman or neir freind murthored enter in tryf-
ing with the committeris freindis, the offeris ar maid be the committeris
of the deed, quhilkis ar Jeliberatie refoluit vpon be him, his kyn and
freindis. Mikle moir it is to be thocht, that ane annoynted princes
being indirecylie takin away and bereft of hir lyfe, his Majeftie being
hir fone, and fcho difcendit of the moift royal bloude in Europe, offeris
fould be maid to his Majeftie, incaife he wald yeild to accept fatiffac-
tioun ; quhilkis offeris ar not onlie to be confidderit be him, his nobile-
tie and eftaitis, bot alfo be the haill princes of his Majefties bloude, als
weill intereft as he. The demandis and propositiounis of the Inglifche
embaffadour wer wryttin word be word in his awin prefence, and fub-
fcribit be him felff, and fua thay finderit ; and they wer brocht to the
King being at Crichtoun.

At this tyme the bifchopis of Glasgou, Rose and Dumblayne, quho
had bein in France xx yeiris afoir, wer reftoired and rehabilitat, and
letters fent to thame to come in Scotland : the bifchop of Glasgou gat
ane commiffioun of ambaffadrie for his Majeftie in France. In the end

of Merche 1587, ane conuentioun was appoynted to be haldin at Edinburgh the day of Apryle, and fra that the samyn was continewit to the tent day of Maij.

Vpone the [vj] day of Apryle 1587, the King red quickly and fuddandly vpon my lord Maxwell and his freindis, because he refuset to tak ordour with the brokin men [of] his name and freindis, bot he being forseine escapit. Yit the King gat ane guid reule of the moift pairt, and command^{ed} to Drumfreische, he send John Maxwell, proveist thair of and brother to the lord Hereis, for taking of the house of Carleavrock; bot he wes slayne be the way be the Grahames of Ask and fundrie utheris brokin men. The samyn tyme commissioun was granted to the scheref of Aire for taking of James Steuart lait chancellor, quho escapit out of his plaice of the Newtoun of Aire.

Vpone the xx day of the said monethe of Apryle, Patrik maister of Gray commendatour of Dumfermling wes accusit be fir William Steuart of Montoun knight, befor the King and his counfall, and speciallie to the consenting to the murthour of the Quenis Majestie, be his letters sent in Ingland to that effect, quhairin he thocht best that sche sould rather priuelie nor oppinlie be teane away. As also he wes accusit vpon certane instructiounis gevin to the said fir William, quho wes bound to France with commissioun to the bischop of Glasgou to be embassadour for the King in these pairtis, in the quhilk instructiounis, the maister of Gray willed that they sould seik no help of the King of France and diuk of Gveise, except libertie of conscience sould be first granted within Scotland. The said maister of Gray wes accusit vpon fundrie utheris poyntis, and he and the said fir William wer bairthe committed to waird within the castle of Edinburgh, quhair they wer appoynted to stay quhill forder tryell sould be teane. Vpone the tent day of Maij, the saidis personis wer transported befor the King and nobilletie, quhair the said fir William accusit the said maister of Gray of the samyn, and

many mae poyntis of treafoun, and baithe convoyed againe to the castell of Edinburgh. It wes fund be the woites of the King and counfall, that he had committed heiche treafoun aganis his Majestie, and his lyfe and leiving thairfor to be in his Majesties handis. Bot the lord Hamiltoun, weill lykit of be his Majestie, sat doun in presence of the counsell on his kneis, and beggit his lyfe of the King, promising that he fould be contented to be banischit quhair his Majestie pleased: Quhairunto his Majestie yeildit, and sir William Steuart set at libertie had promeis of his Majestie of ane revaird for his guid service.

At this tyme great traelis war teane be his Majestie for the reconciling of the erle of Crafurde and maister of Glamis, and at last, be the earnest intercessioun of sir John Maitland of Thirlstane knycht secretar [these] wer teane vp; in quhois house they all, the xiiij day of the said monethe, soppit together within Halyroudhous.

Vpone the xv day of Maij, the King maid the bancket to all his nobilletie, at ewin in Halyroudhous, quhair the King maid thame, efter drinking of many scolis ane to ane vther, and made thame efter supper, quho vtherways had beine at great fead, tak twa and twa be handis, and pas from Halyroudhous to the mercat croce of Edinburgh, quhair the provest and bailyeis had prepared ane table and desert for his Majestie, at the quhilk theare wes great mirth and joy, with sick ane great number of pepill as the lyk had not beine seine of befor.

At the conuentioun the King maid ane harrang to his nobilletie and estates, declairing, that seing he wes now come to his perfyte aidge of tuentie ane yeiris compleit, hasing mony wechtie effairis to be advyfit, thecht it best first to reconceill his nobilletie, quhairin his Majestie had teane no small trauell, and to suche poynt as all fould tend to the plefour of God, his Majesties standing, the weill of the countrie, and thair awin ease and tranquillitie; protesting befor God, that he loved nothing fo mikle as ane perfyte unioun and reconciliatioun amangis his nobilletie in

hairtes, and gif ony fould seime obftinat, that the remnant his nobiletie fould hald hand to the repressing of thame, and the first brekkaris of that happie vnioun perfevit be all extremitie.

Secundlie, It wes thocht best that buffie and seditius personis, radie to lay difcorde amangis the nobilletie, fould be routed out, and banifchit his Majesteis prefence.

Thridlie, It wes thocht guid that ambaffadouris fould be sent to Denmerk : the laird of Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young, preceptour to the King, wer chofen equall in commiffioun, to vifit the King of Denmerkis dochter, to brek the maiter, and thereafter repoint to his hienes and eftaites. That theirefter fick noblemen mycht be fend thither for treatting of the mariadge as fould be found fitt ; for the quhilk purpois, his Majestie declaired that he behouit to have the help of his nobiletie, quhilk all in ane voice they accordit to, promifing lyfe, landis, guidis and all, and fa mikle mony as thay mycht command.

Last, It wes aggreet ane parliament fould be haldin at Edinburgh in Junij nixt, efter his Majesteis perfyte aidge of xxj yeiris.

At this tyme James Steuart, fumtyme erle of Arrane, wes ordeanit to be tryed concerning the bill sent be him to the King, tuitching the accusing of his noblemen that come in at Sterling to have confpyred his Majesteis murthour, or transporting to Ingland. Ane chairge gevin to him to enter in waird within the palace of Linlithgow ; quho diffobeyed and entered nocht in waird.

Immediatlie befor his Majesties passing to Falkland, vpone the xxvij day of Maij, the erle of Bothuell ·challengit and apprehendit ane Inglishchewan sent to Scotland to poyfoun his hienes, or tak him away fum indirect meaner of way ; he and his marrowis wer conducit to this purpois be the Queine of Ingland, and hir bloody counfall. This lounne wes examinat be the King, and confest, and thairefter wardit within the castle of Edinburgh.

The parliament beguid the xij day of the monethe of Julij, quhair his Majestie, accompanied with his nobilletie, red to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh. Bot befor his vnlovping, thaire arrofe ane heiche contentioun betuix the erles of Crafurde and Bothuell, the lordis Fleming, Settoun, Home and Innermeithe anent thaire woites. The counsell sat thairvpone, and fand that the earle of Crafurde sould have the prioretie of woit, and that the lord Flemyng sould have the wote afor the rest of the lordis. Quhairvpone the lord Home chellendgit the lord Fleming with the singlar combat, quho wer not suffered to fecht, albeet they wer baith weill willing. It wes aggreed at this parliament, that his Majestie sould have the haill temporall landis of all benefices annexed to the croune. A generall reuocatioun maid of thingis doune in his minority to his hurt, with fundrie vtheris guid actis infert in the biuk.

Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young returnit home in the end of August 1587, with anfuer of thaire comissioun, not so guide as wes liukit for. Vpone the day of October, theare wes ane Johne Smollote, and with him a Frenche cavillyear tukin, going over the water betuix Leithe and Kyngorne to the erle of Huntly, quho wes suspect of ane conspiracie aganis the noblemen in court, and wer committed to waird within the castle of Edinburgh. Thearefter his Majestie red with ane hoist to Peblis, for ordour taking with the brokin men, and returnit the tent day.

Vpone the sext day of Februar, proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, makand mentioun that the lord Hereis wes not onlie negligent in his seruices vpone the bordouris, bot that he had brocht in papistrie in lykmaner to the countrie, and had schot out the ministeris of Dumfreishe, and so maid defectioun. For the quhilk his Majestie concludit to go in proper persoun him selfe, and thairfoir chaired the inhabitantis of Fyffe, the scherefdome of Perthe, stewartrie of Monteithe, and vtheris to ryse and meit his Majestie at Edinburgh, the first day of

Merche nixt, and so to pas fordwaird, vnder the paine of tinfell of lyfe, landis and gudis.

At this tyme Mr James Gordoune, father brother to the erle of Huntlie, wes brocht to the King be the erle of Huntlie. The King, hasing accused him of sawing papistrie in the hairtes of his pepill, reffoned with him vpon fundrie grundis, quhair of the said Mr James yeildit to sum, and denyed vtheris. [He] wes keipit clofe in his owin chalmer till the tyme of his depairting of the countrie, and went then to Settoun to mak him selffe rady.

Vpone the xvj day of Februar 1587, word come that the erle of Huntlie, lord Hamiltoun and vtheris wer all conuenit at Linlithgow, lyk as they had bein at Perth of befor. Quhairvpon the King send on Patrik Murray his awin seruand to the erle of Huntlie, to vnderstand his mynd; quho, professing his vnfenyied obedience towardis his Majestie, declaired he had no euill intencion, ather to relligioun, or the present estaite, and [wold] come quyettlie to his Majestie. As indeid vpon the xxix of the said moneth, the King, being at the hunting, met the said erle at Cramound, quho, accompanied with ten or xij horsies and him selffe, come to Halyrourdhous, and lay in his hienes chalmer: quhilk nicht also the lord Hereis come in, and gat speiche of the King.

Huntlie went homewart to quenche ane contentioun wes betuix Balquhame and the toun of Aberdeen, weill lykit of his Majestie; and returnit vpon the day of Merche to court, quhair the lord Hamiltoun, Crafurde, Montroise and the lord Claud come also, and met him. In this meanetyme the King yeildit to ryd to Dumfermling, with the erle of Huntlie to the bancket: Quhaire the alteratioun of the officiaris of estaite wes cravit of the King, and libertie of conscience, bot bathe refusit. Soe that the King red away to Burley malcontented, and stayed for four or fyve dayis; and thairefter come to Dumfermling, and from that to

Kynneill, quhaire he had the bancket of the lord Hamiltoun, quhaire a great number of the nobiliety past with his majestie, and come back all to Edinburgh at ewin.

About this tyme word come of ane great army of Spayneardis, that wer to land at Scotland, and come vpone Ingland.

Vpone the xix of Apryle 1588, his Majestie, accompanied with ane great number of the schyres beyond Forthe, past to Jedburghe, of purpois to releive sum pledges givin to Ingland be his Majestie. Guid ordour wes takin at this read, and fundrie Teviotdeall gentlemen enterit in Ingland for bilis. At this tyme sum tumult fell out betuix the erle of Angus and Fernihearft, anent the cutting of sum wood, bot wes stayed without sikeathe. The Kingis Majestie returnit againe from Jedburgh vpone xxvj day of Apryle; he wes that nycht in Halydeen, and fra that to Langtoun, and fra that past to fie Bervick, and stood a long tyme on the Calfehill, behalding Bervick toun. The hail captaines of the toun come out to fie his Majestie, and sum of thame conferred with his hienes ane guid spaice. The toun schot a woly, and his Majestie at his depairtour causit give the cannoneris ane hundereth crounes, and the porteris fourtie crounes in drink filuer. And sa his Majestie come that nicht to Dunglas, quhair he had the bancket of my lord Home; and fra that come forduard to Edinburgh.

In this meane tyme ane conuention was haldin in Edinburgh of the hail nobilletie and estaites, quhaire his Majestie declaired that he wald perfew the hail papistis and seminarie preistis to the vttermoift, and craued theare assistance to this effect. Immediately in the end of this conuention, his Majestie, according to his proclamationis, red to Dumfresche to tak the lord Maxwell: bot the lord Maxwell hearing of this withdrew himself, and went to Kirkcubricht, and schipped with xxxv personis, and lay theare in the read ten dayis, eftir his Majesties comming to Dumfresche. Lykas the house of Lochmabin wes forteseit, and

haldin at his command aganis the Kingis Majestie, be Mr David Maxwell brother to the laird of Covhill, and xxvj or xxx fouldiouris with him. His Majestie caufit charge the houle to be randerit, bot wes diffobeyit; quhairvpone certane hagbutteris invironed the houle.

At this tyme his Majestie directed fir William Steuart of Carftairis knycht to the burghe of Air, for apprehensioun of the said lord Maxwell. Quho, hasing gottin ane schip theare with sex scoir hagbutteris or therby, and procured of his brother sone Andro lord Ochiltreie fourtie gentlemen of guid curradge and faschioun, come with the said schip in ficht of the said lordis schip foranent Kircubrycht. Quhilk being perceavit be the said lord, he withdrew him selff, and past with ane and him selff in ane cokboit to Ilshay, and on the back of that ile fand ane fischer boit, quhairin he come to the land foranent the abbay of Crofregall. This being perceavit be the said fir William, he and his companie folowit, and comming to the said abbay plaice the said lord could have na entres thearin, and sa past to ane hostlar houle within the toun to his denner, thinkand that nane could folow him; and as he wes sittand at denner, it wes spokin to the guidwyfe that sex or sevin gentlemen wer brekand vp the yet and duris of the place, and the said lord hearing their of escapit, and past to the wood, quhair the said fir William, folowing him hardlie, tuik him in ane buse therof; and brocht to Drumlenrik, he wes feik and ill at ease, for he had baithe the gulfe and bloodie fluxes, quhairof he wes thocht to die.

And becaufe they wald not rander the houle of Lochmaben, the King directed to bring sum peiceffe out of Kearlell, quhilkis wer brocht vpone the vj of Junij, and began to the batrie of the houle vpone the aucht day of the samyn monethe of Junij. Vpone the tent day of the said monethe, fir William Steuart of Carftaires knycht past in to the said houle vpone assurance, and spaiking with the detaineris thairof, he movit thame to yeild, vpone promise maid in the Kingis name that

theare lyfes fould be faifit. Lykas it wes randerit that famyn nicht, and the promeis being denyed be the Kingis Majestie, the faid Mr Daud, with vtheris fyve that wer in the houle, wer hanged vpone the morne thairefter, and the rest fend to Dumfreifche. Immediatly heirefter the King held ane court in Dumfreifh, quhairin all the malefactouris wer declaired fugitiues, at quhilk tyme his Majestie focht Robert Maxvell and William Kynmonthe, and vpone the xv day paff toward Langhome; quhilk houle being brunt, with fundrie vtheris pertening to Will Kynmonthe, Castlemilk and vtheris, his Majestie returnit to Dumfreifche.

Vpone the xvij day of Julij 1588, ane Inglifche ambaffadour come in to Edinburgh, namit Mr Ashbie, with aucht or nyne in trayne.

Vpone the xxj day of the faid monethe and yeir, Huntlie wes married vpone the duik of Lennox eldest fifter, within Halyroudhouse chappell be the bifchop of St Androis, at quhilk tyme thear wes great triumphe, mirthe and paffyme.

Vpone the tuentie fevint day of the faid monethe, his Majestie paff to Falkland. And vpone the penult day of the famyn monethe, fir William Steuart of Carftairis knicht, quha had the custodie of the faid lord Maxvell, wes flayne be Frances erle of Bothuell abone the bow, quhilk procedit vpone ane lie and certane vtheris difdainfull wordis fpokin be the faid fir William in the Kingis chalmer to the faid erle. The word of quhiche flaughter comand to the eares of Andro lord Ochiltrie, he fend immediatlie to the faid erle, and geve vp kyndnes with him and his companie, lykas the faid lord Ochiltrie oft and dyverfe tymes folowit the faid erle and his companie, werie hardlie in making of fundrie plotis and purpoife for catching of the faid erle, hovbeet it wes trew the faid erle elfcapit moift narrouly.

At this tyme word come of the Spanifche fleit and armie, quhilk wes betuix Dower and Kealeis, of mynd to onbefet fum part of Inland;

bot they wer dissapoynted, for the Queine of Ingland sent out certane schipis that defeat thame mischantly. To the quhilk ane ambaffadour craued support of ten thovsand men out of Scotland to Ingland.

Vpone the fyft day of August, proclamatioun wes maid at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, schewing the imminent denger wes lickly to inschew vpone relligious perfonis, the Kingis esteat, and the haill land; ratefeand the leage maid anent the satling and manteaning of relligioun, and thairfoir commanding the noblemen and vtheris gentlemen throw all the countrie, to cause the leidges ryfe quhensoever occasioun offered; to mak beeanefyres on the toppes of hilis, to conueine with all force, and to mak theare wapinschewingis, the southfyde of Forthe, betuix and the xx day of August, and benorthe vpone the last of the samyn.

At this tyme, Crounar Steuart wes direct ambaffadour to Denmerk, to sie quhat the King mycht liuk for tuitching the mariadge. Vpone the xxix day of the said monethe of August, ane sir Robert Sidney ambaffadour come to Scotland with xvj horffles in trayne, and, vpone the last of the samyn monethe, he gat prefence in the chancellaris ludging betuix the bowis.

In the monethe of September, the Spanische navie wes driven be storme of wether on the coast of Norroway, quheare many of tham perischit: lykas word come that xvj or xvij great schipis wer brokin on the coast of Irland, and sex thovsand perfonis and v^c parreischet; and the rest of the navie driwen away.

Vpone the xv day of November 1588, the said coronall Steuart aryuit at Scotland from Denmerk, declairing that his Majestie sould find all theare at his pleasour, notwithstanding the deathe of the King of Denmerk, quho had appoynted his sone to tak sick ordour anent that mariadge, as he had myndit him selfe.

At this samyn tyme, a conuentioun appoynted for reformatioun of disordoured thingis in the countrey. Lykas the nobilletie assembled the

xxiiij day of the said monethe, and appoynted certane commiffioneris to fit as iustices in that parliament for punifchment of flauchter, to begin the first, and to continow to the xv day of Merche.

At this tyme Mr Alexander Lyndſay, brother to the erle of Craſurd, being ane great courtiour, tuik the gift of the Kingis gaird over the maifter of Glamis head, being captane of the gaird, quhairvpone the gaird wes brokin at the Kingis owin command. Quhairat the maifter comming to Edinburgh to ane conuentionoun wes heichlie movit, his office being givin to him be ane parliament, and teane from him without offence. Quhairvpone ſume braggingis paſt betuix the erle of Bothuell and the maifter of Glamis, and great troubles licklie to fall furthe. Lykas the ſamyn nicht at ten houris at nicht, the pairteis for-gathared with vther on the hie calſey at the Black Freir wynd head, and had particular ambuſchmentis layd for vtheris on ather fyde, bot wer ſtayed. Yit his Majeſtie cauſit conuoy baithe the ſaidis pairteis on the morne to the abbay; the proveſt and bailyeis wer the conuoyeris, and thrie or four perſonis only on ather fyde. His Majeſtie and his counſall called the pairteis befor thame, and efter ſum tryell, ſand thame baithe to have committed offence, and thairfoir ordeanit thame to be puniſchit at his Majeſties diſcretioun. He commandit the erle of Bothuell to waird within the palace of Linlithgow, and the maifter of Glamis to the caſtell of Edinburgh. His Majeſtie awowit in preſence of the conuentionoun, that gif theare ſould be any convocationoun be any lord, erle or barrone aganis quhatſumever perſone, he ſould reput the ſame as doune to himſelfe. Immediatlie efter the diſſoluing of the ſaid conuentionoun, the erle of Huntlie wes maid captane of his Majeſties gairde, and tuik vp xxx horſmen, and alſmany futmen.

In the begynning of Februar, word come to Scotland that the King of France had cauſit kill the duk of Gveife in his awin chalmer, quhilk bred ſick motioun that the toun of Pareiſe reuolted, and cauſit harle his

picture throw the hail toun, awowing the King to be ane traitour, quhairvpon great infurrectioun wes maid throw all the countrie, sa that nane wes almoist in fuertie.

The xxvij day of Februar 1588, the King repaired to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh to the fessioun, and ordeanit the secreit counfall to meit [that] efternoure in the said tolbuthe. In the quhilk counsel the erle of Huntlie, vpon copies intercepted of twa letters send out of Ingland, and presented be the Inglishe embassadour nemit Mr Ashbie heir resident, wes accusit vpon his wryting to the King of Spayne, declairing in effect that he wes constrained to subscriue to the relligioun, and that he did it to insinuat himselfe in favour of the King; that he had gottin the gairde and his hienes eare at his plesour, and willed the said prince to arryve heir quhen he willed, and he sould assist and fortifie him sa far furthe as lay in his possibilletie. The said erle denyand ony sick letter, and that the samyn was forged be the craft of Ingland, past notwithstanding at the Kingis Majesties desyre to ward to the castle of Edinburgh, quhill he wer tryed foull or innocent of that sa heiche a treasoun. It wes sayd that a Scotis Jesuite fenyed the said letter; and the word wes that the Spanishe gold wes in Calender, to be distribute amangis the noblemen that wer at Calender.

In this meane tyme thaire wes ane great tumult in Edinburgh, and all men addrest thame selffis to armes to the callay.

Vpon the vij day of Merche 1588, the said erle of Huntlie wes releivit out of the castell of Edinburgh, and Claud commendatour of Paf-lay wes accusit in the chancellaris house afoir the King and counfall tuitching the samyn letters, quhilk he altogidder denied, and offered the combat till any man that wald accuse him thairof, calling thame lyaris and traitouris. It wes also thocht meit that he sould be wardit in the castell of Edinburgh till tryell, quho past to waird that samyn nicht.

The Kingis Majestie, within twa or thrie dayis efterhend being called to the banket be the said erle of Huntlie in William Fouluris houe, past out in the morning to the hunting, and tryftit to come in to his denner about ane efternoun. In the meanetyme the toun of Edinburgh and inhabitantis, being warnit priuely be thair magistratis to mak thame selves rady in armes aganis the Kingis incomming; the word quhair of command to the said erles knavledge, being on the feildis with the Kingis Majestie for the tyme, tald his hienes of the word he reffavit out of the toun. His Majestie denyed ony sick warning to have bein gevin of his knavledge, yit the said erle being feared could not be perswadit to come within the toun, bot fled to Dumfermling immediatly; bot the Kingis Majestie come in to the toun to William Fouluris houe, to the denner that wes prepared for him. Certane contrauerfie in wordis happining betuix the erle of Errole and the chancellor, the said erle, thairvpoun hafing reteired him felfe of court, come to the feildis quhair the King wes that samyn day, and conferred ane houre with his Majestie, and depairted.

About this tyme thair come a Frenche man packet bearer fra the King of Navare, desyring to have thrie thovsand waidged men; the laird of Weymis past in England for the gold to tak thame vp with, and wes appoynted generall. About this tyme also, the erle of Merchell wes thocht meittest to pas ambassadour to Denmerk for the Kingis mariadge.

Vpone the secund of Apryle 1589, the King past from Edinburgh to Haltoun to the hunting, quhair he remanit four dayis. In the meane-tyme word come that the northland lordis wer vpone the feildis, and conuenit at Brechin; quhilk his Majestie hafing intelligence of in the morning airly, be the moyoun and advertisment of the maister of Glamis, and that they wer command with thair forces to Edinburgh; quhairvpone his Majestie arose at twa houris in the morning, and red to Edinburgh, quhair he remanit in the chancelloris houe betuix the bowis.

The erle of Bothuell lykwayis reafed ane force of thrie or four hundredrethe men, come vpon the fext of the faid monethe to Dalkeithe, quhair he remainit twa dayis. At quhilk tyme his Majestie, hearing thair of, causit fend charges throw the haill countrie on the vther fyde of Forthe, to ryse bodin in fear of wear, betuix sextie and sextein, and repair to his Majestie with all heast, vnder the panes, etc. The erle of Bothuell in the meanetyme sent fundrie commissiouneris to the King, offerring him in his Majesties will, and to come to any pairt to his Majestie quhaire the chancellor wes not ; bot could not come within the toun of Edinburgh, sa lang as he wes with his Majestie, quhom he offered to proufe ane double traitour to his hienes, and accuse him of twa or thrie fundrie poyntis of treasoun. The King vtterlie refusit to spaik with the faid erle vpon ony conditioun, quhairvpon the faid erle vpon the nynt day dissoluit his forces, and past westward with fourtie and him self towardis Perth, quhaire he remainit quhill the lordis his adherentis wer convenit, viz. Huntlie, Errole, Crafurde, Bothuell, Murray, Montrose and thair forces.

Vpon the same nynt day, proclamatioun wes maid agane, commanding all maner of man to pas forduard vpon the morne with his Majestie : lykas his Majestie, only accompanied with sex or sevin scoir horsmen, past from Edinburgh towardis Linlithgow ; the haill tounsmen of Edinburgh past on fute agaitward that day. His Majestie awowit to persue the saidis noble men to the fardest pairt of Scotland, or elis to reduce thame to his obedience.

In the meane tyme, word ryfes that the maister of Glamis is teane in fleeing to Kirkhill, and caried with him to the northe.

Vpon the same tent day of the faid monethe of Apryle, his Majesties force increffing more and more, past forduard to Sterling ; on the morne to Perth ; furthe of the quhilk the lordis being dissoluit, his Majestie, accompanied with twa or thrie thousand horsmen, past forduard imme-

diatly to Dundie ; fra thence to Brechin, and the nixt day to Cowie. Quhair the Kingis Majestie hearing that Huntly, Craford and Errole wer conuenit with thair forces in Aberdeen, to the number of iij^m men on fute and horse, and wer of mynd to fecht his Majestie, his hienes tryfted to have bein at Dynnoter that nicht ; [bot] took purpois in the middes of the way betuix Brechein and Cowie, to ly on the feildis him selfe all nicht, as in deid thaire wer pallyeonis stented, quhair his Majestie rested that nicht, and in Charles Movatis houe in Cowie wat-chit quhill fyve houris in the morning. And hasing reffavit sum ad-vertisment, that vpone the samyn nicht the lordis merched out thrie thovsand men out of Aberdeen to the brig of Die, of intentioun to fecht, his hienes selfe maid ane exhortatioun to fiek as had remained with him in companie, declaired that fiek as fauored the lordis and wer not myndit to fecht had reteired thame selves fra the army, and seing they that wer theare to fecht wer not abone v^e men or therby, he schew thame how theare quarrell wes the defence of the trew relligioun, and of his hienes persone, estaite and croun, in quhilk quarrell he douttit not bot they that war theare wald hazard lyfes, landis and all.

Word come in the morning that a fuerse had overgone the lordis hairtes, and that theare forces wer dissoluit, and that the erle of Cra-furde wes the first that past away and left thame. Then the barronis and vtheris gentlemen, confiddering that his Majestie wes in propper persone vpone the feildis, and the lordis quarrell to be sa friuole aganis theare awin natiue prince, they skayled ane and ane, and past away ; for they wer conuenit vpone ane declaratioun maid be the lordis, that thay had his Majesteis warrand for that thing they did, quhilk they fand to be ane vntreuthe, als weill be his Majesteis awin prefence, as be his priuat letters, and thairfoir a great number come in to his Majestie be-tuix Cowie and Aberdeen.

The Kingis Majestie come to Aberdeen vpone the xx day of Apryle,

[and] remained theare thrie or four dayis. Vpone the xxij day, the maister of Glamis is sent in, with captane Thomas Ker and sex or sevin vtheris personis to Aberdeen. His Majestie tuik purpois, in respect of the erle Huntleis delay to come in at Aberdeen, to pas to Straboggie to cast down the house, with the house of Slaynis, Buchvane and Fitterneir; and that night wes in Turray luiking for the comming in of the said erle, and feing he come not, his Majestie past fordward to Straboggie on the morne. The night of his Majesteis coming theare, the erle of Huntlie wes conuoyed out be the maister of Glamis to the Terrifoule beyde Straboggie, quhair the haill noblemen that accompanied his Majestie wer at supper and ludgit. The said erle schuik handis with the said noblemen at supper, and efter they had endit, he and the maister of Glamis sovpit in the samyn house together. He wes delyverit to the laird of Carmichell and captane William Home in keiping, and conuoyed be thame vpone the morne afor the Kingis Majestie in to Aberdene, and fra that all the way to Edinburgh without ficht of his Majestie. At his Majesteis returning to Aberdeen, M^cKuntosche, Drum, Grant and vtheris barronis wer movit to subscryve ane band for his Majesteis obedience. The erle of Huntlie wes wardit in Robert Gourlays house in Edinburgh.

And efter his Majesteis returning to Edinburgh, Mr Robert Hepburne and Mr David Lyndfy ministeris trauellit for the erle of Bothuell, and promifit to bring him in, vpone conditioun that his lyfe, landis and guidis sould be sayfed, and his freindis; quhilk the King yeildit to. Thairefter he wes brocht in, and put in the handis of captane Home in George Todrikis house, and thereafter in a chalmer of Halyroudhous, and the erle of Craford command to Edinburgh wes wardit in his awin ludging.

Then folowit ane conuentioun vpone the xx day of Maij, quhair the erle of Huntlie and Craford wer callit in befor his Majestie and estaitis,

and thaire depofitionis reflavit, the erle of Huntleyis quyettie in the yeard befor a few of the counfell, and the erle of Crafurdis oppinly in prefence of all the counfall. Certane poyntis of treafoun they denyed, and commiffioun fent to examine the erle of Bothuell; he denyed ony practife aganis his Majeftie or relligioun, as they did all; and declaired plainlie that his ryfing in armis wes to be reuenged of the chancellor only. Alwayis his Majeftie and eftaitis thocht meit that they fould be put to the tryell of ane affyfe; lyk as vpone the xxiiij day of the faid monethe, the faidis thrie erles wer conuoyed out of waird, to the heiche tolbuith of Edinburgh, quhaire they wer accufit of fundrie poyntis of treafoun. The erle of Huntly come in the Kingis Majefteis will for the haill thing layd to his chairge; the vther twa wer put to the knawledge of ane affyfe, and the erle of Bothuell conuict, of conueining with certane vtheris noble men, betuix Leithe and Edinburgh at the Quarrel holis, anent the devyfyng of the alteratioun of the eftaite, and the Kingis Majeftie, and his countrie. The faid erle of Crafurde conuict of four poyntis of dittay, to wit of that the faid erle Bothuell wes conuict of, of the fuppryng of the toun of Perth, conueining his forces theare, of the fyre reafing, and affaidging the houle of Kirkhill, out of the quhilk the maifter of Glamis wes teane, and command aganis his Majeftie at Aberdeen, and vfyng harrang to feduce his hienes fubiectis to come aganis him felfe. This affyfe continowit till twa houris in the morning. His Majeftie and the chancellor remained in the inner counfell houle all the tyme, and efter conuictioun, ordeanit the erles to be transported to the wardis quhair they had bein afoir; and at laft tuik conclufioun that they fould be put in fum fuirer wardein place. And fua captane Home tuik the erle Bothuel to Tamptalloun, the erle of Huntlie to Borthuick, and the erle of Crafurde to the caftle of St Androis.

It wes concludit in the laft day of the faid conuentioun, that the erle Merfchell, the lord Dingvall, the conftable of Dundie, accompanied

with Mr John Skene aduocat, fould pas to Denmark in embaffadge tuitching the mariadge ; quho pafft forduard in thair ambaffadge magnificklie. Theare was a parliament appoynted to be at Edinburgh the thrid of October.

Vpone the xiiij of Junij 1589, it wes thocht guid that his Majeftie fould pas agayne to the northe, to fattle the effaris of the countrey : his Majeftie tryfted to be at Aberdeen the laft of Junij, and to hald iuftice courtis. Vpone the fecund day of Julij 1589, the King come to Aberdeen, and fet down deputis for halding courtes their : his Majeftie ftayed four or fyve dayis, and then pafft forduard to the Channorie of Rose, quhair he flew ane great hairt, and wes weill bancketted and reffavit be the barronis and gentlemen in the way. His Majeftie ftayed four or fyve dayis in Channorie and Cromartie, and returnit back to Aberdeen about the xxvij of the laid monethe, quhair he remanit till the fourt of Auguft : vpone the quhilk day, a litle befor his Majefties lovping on to ryd to Drum, the erle of Errole, Achindovne, Buckvane and Cluny come in to his hienes ; weill reffavit, with fundrie vtheris Gordounes, vpone compofitionis alwayis.

Vpone the fext of the laid monethe, word come to the King in Edzell, that the King of France wes flayne in his owin chalmer be a freier. In this tyme Efter Weymis tuik vp xv^e waidged men for the King of Novar, now alleggit King of France. His Majeftie come to Edinburgh, to fie how the Abbay wes decored aganis his wyfes comming, the Queine. Heirefter his Majeftie red waft to Hammiltoun, to the hunting and progres.

Vpone the xxviiij day of the laid monethe, crowvall Steuart arryvit at Leithe from Denmark, and come to Sterling to the King, with newis that the mariadge wes folemnizat betuix his Majeftie and the Queine befor his away comming ; quhairvpon his Majeftie immediatlie red to Edinburgh, to fie all thingis prepared accordingle as he thocht fitt.

About the xiiij or xv dayis of September 1589, the lord Dingwall come from Denmerk. He arryved at Stenehyfe, with newis to his Majestie that he had come in companie with the Quenis fleit thrie hundrethe myles, and wes separat fra thame be ane great storme: it wes feared that the Queine wes in denger vpon the seas. The King remained xvj or xvij dayis in Settoun, luiking for hir coming. Theare wes ane great propyne send out of Ingland to his Majestie, of fundrie thingis: his Majesties clething and vtheris necessaries wer coft at Londoun, be Mr John Coluill and certane merchandis of Edinburgh, and brocht in vpon the xxij day of September. The Abbay wes weill mendit and prepaired for all thingis, rady for the mariadge; and great preparatioun maid be the nobilletie and vtheris. Crounar Steuart wes directit to Norroway, to sie quhat wes word of the Queine.

Vpon the tent day of Oötober, thaire arryved ane schip that come fra the Queine, quhairin wer fundrie of our awin men, namly Andro Sincler sone to the lord Sincler, togither with ane ambaffadour and speciall man fra the Queine, then being in Norway: quho come to the King in the chancelleris ludging, and declaired the great denger the Queine had bein in vpon the sea; and how being within ane hundrethe myles, scho wes drivin back to Norroway. So that scho wes vnhable, be reffone of the leckes wes in hir awin and the restis schipis, to come forduard; schewing also that hir counsell the admirall and gunneris had concludit to goe back to Elfinvre, and to leave the Queine quhill Scotis schipis come furthe to hir.

Quhairvpon the Kingis Majestie being struckin in great perplexitie, immediatlie tuik vp house in Leithe, quhair he caufit reack to fyve schippis with all furnitour belonging therto, and send thame to Norroway, with ane great number of the nobilletie and vtheris flaitfmen. Lykas his Majestie tuik purpos secreatlie him selfe to pas in that jorney, and caufit mak quyet preparatioun for him, keiping his purpos close

fra all men, als weill the nobilletie as commonis; quho hearing of the brute wer werie forie, bot could not mend it. His Majestie with the rest fould [have] maid faille vpon Sunday at efternounge, the xix day of October instant, at quhilk tyme theare come on sick a deadlie storme, that the schipis lyand all in Leith read wer schakin lovse, and driven all vp to St Margaretis houe, and sua the journey staid for that night. Vpon the xxij day of October, about tuelff houris at evin, his Majestie maid faile to Norroway with fyve schipis in company: his Majestie was driven back xx or xxx myles with great storme, and read foranent St Monanis. Theare wer sum personis come in with the King without warrand, quho wer sent a land at St Monanis; and vpon the xxiiij, with a fair wynd come to Norroway.

Efter his Majesteis depairtour, proclamatioun was maid be his Majesteis awin will and directioun subscrivit with his hand, makand the diuk of Lennox president in his Majesteis plaice, and the erle of Bothuell his coadjutouris, and to fit and minister justice at Edinburgh: theare was a counfall appoynted for thame to assist thame. The lord Hammiltoun was appoynted leiftennent, and the lord Maxwell warden. The lord Hamiltoun and Maxwell craved the assistance of the diuk and erle Bothuell, quha ran ane covrse for forderance of peax and quyetnes within the realme. The Kingis Majestie, be his awin privie letters and vtherways, exhorted all his Majesteis leidges for peax and quyetnes till his returning, with certificatioun gif they failyeid, etc.

Vpon the xxviiij day of the said monethe of October, the Kingis Majestie landit at Flaikray on the coast of Norroway; quhair his Majestie remaining a great spaice went vp to Vpslo, quhaire the Quene his bedfolow wes for the tyme, and come [there] with great trauell baithe vpon sea and land, about the xix day of November thearefter; and immediatly at his comming, past quyetlie with buites and all to hir hienes. The rest of his company went to his awin ludging takin aganis his com-

ming. His Majestie myndit to give the Queine a kisse efter the Scotis faschioun at meiting, quhilk scho refusit as not being the forme of hir countrie. Marie, efter a few wordis priuely spokin betuix his Majestie and hir, thair past familiaritie and kiffes.

Vpone the xxij of November 1589, the King and Queine wer married in Vpflo, by Mr David Lyndsay minister at Leithe. The banquet wes maid efter the best forme they could for the tyme.

Vpone the xv day of December, the lord Dingvall, Barnbarroche and fundrie vtheris, specialis and foloweris of the lordis, arryvit at Leithe with newis of his Majesties guid successe and estate, and that his Majestie wes only occupied in making of the Queine, and wes not myndit to come home befor the spring of the yeir. Lykas the hail schippis wer send back, and his Majesties quhole company almoist, because the King wes thair interteined vpon the Queinis chairges.

Vpone the xvij day of December, Mr Bowis embassadour, command in without conduct, wes commandit be the counsell to his ludging for a day. And thairefter compearit with ane letter from the Queine of Ingland, schewand that scho had gottin intelligence of noblemen and vtheris traffecking with the Jesuites, and that sence his Majesties depairtour, there had bein letters sent be thame to Spayne and vtheris places, and promisses maid for subuerfioun of relligioun within the realme; and that fundre conuentionis wer keipit be thame to this effect, and that scho thocht guid to acquaint the counsell thairwith; certefeing thame, that gif they wald not tak ordour thairwith, or that they laiked pover or substance to doe the samyn, sche wald supplie the same to hir vtter pover. It wes anfuert be ane generall letter: that they knew of na sick purpois, and thairfoir neidit nather to imploy thair awin force and pover nor hiris; and that the countrie had never beine in sick quyetnes, as it had bein sen his Majesties depairtour.

About the xvj day of Merche, William Schaw maister of work come

from the King out of Denmark, with directioun to cause the schipis the burrowis had appoynted mak out for bringing his Majestie homeward, to outred the abbay, and have all thingis in radines for his Majesteis homecomming, quhilk shuld be in Apryle nixt ; schewing also that the Queine wes with bairne, and that the King and his company had bein weill interteaned. About the penult of Merche 1590, Coronall Steuart maid sayle towardis his Majestie, accompanied with twa or thrie schippis, and appoynting the rest to folow.

About this tyme word come that a feild wes struckin in France, betuix the King and diuk de Mayne, the king being nyne thovsand, and the diuk xv^m men, and that the King had wyn the feild, with great slauchter of his enemeis, to the number of viij^m. There was also many nobles and counfelleris of the Kingis slayne. The King wes praised as being moift curagious, and wes the first that geve onfet him selfe ; he and all the hoist beguid with prayer, and pat all in Godis handis, and thairvpone reposit vpone the certantie of victorie, quhilk he gat indeid.

Vpone the xiiij day of Apryle, Carmichell come from his Majestie out of Denmark, declairing that his Majestie and his Queine wer to come home at the xv day of Apryle, incaice the diuk of Brunsvick, quha wes to come their out of Almanye, did not come ; quho wes to marie ane vther dochter. And gif the diuk come, his Majestie wald stay bot vj or viij dayis longer for making his acquentance with him, and wald not stay the mariadge. Carmichell tuik vp ane gairde of j^e horsmen, and alsmany futmen ; and the word rease, that Ingland had reakit out sum schipis for taking his Majestie be the way. About the samyn tyme the Justice Clerk wes directed out of Denmark to Ingland, and returnit to Scotland about the xxvj day of Apryle 1590. Vpone the last day of Apryle, Crounar Steuart arryvit at Leith, with newis that the King wes at hand, and the haill fleit within the Scotis seas, and thairfoir directit to have all in radines.

His Majestie with the Queins grace arrayvit at Leithe vpon the morne at nicht, being the first of Maij 1590, and remanit in the Kingis work theare, till the sext day of the samyn monethe, that the palace of Halyroudhous was maid rady. They wer met command out of the boit be the diuk of Lennox, lord Hamiltoun, erle Bothuel and a great number of the nobilletie, with sum honest men of Edinburgh. Thaire was a coronatioun appoynted at Edinburgh the xvij day for the Queine.

Thare come with the King and Quenis Majesteis the admirall of Denmark Callipeir, Monke the captoune of Elfinburgh, with fundrie utheris noblemen of the realme, and besydes that a xxx or fourtie perfonis in goldin chenyeis of guid faschioun. The number of the haill trayne was ij^c xxij perfonis, quhilkis wer all interteined be the King and noblemen of Scotland, and bancketted daylie. They wer j^m and twa^c merkis evrie day for thair furnischingis, during the tyme of thair remaining. Vpon the xij day of Maij, the admirall accompanied with fundrie Denffes past to Falkland, Dumfermling and Linlithgow; to tak feasing of the thrie lordschipis for the Queins dourie.

The coronatioun was within the Abbay kirk vpon the xvij day with great solemnetie, and the croun set on hir head be Mr Robert Bruce and Mr David Lyndfay ministeris. At this tyme the chancellor was maid lord Thirlsteane. Mr Patrik Galloway maid the first fermoun, Mr Robert Bruce the secund, with ane exhortatioun to obedience, and caufit all the pepill hald vp thair handis; and Mr Andro Melwill ane oratioun in Latine.

Vpon the nyntein day of Maij, the Queins grace maid entrie in Edinburgh at the West poirt, and was raffavit, efter a certane speiche in Latine, and delyverie of the keyifle as vs is, and was conuoyed throw the haill toun vnder a wail to Halyroudhouse. Theare was xliij young men all cled in quhyt talfettie, and wiffeouris of black cullour

on thair faces lyk Mores, all full of gold chenyais, that dancit befor hir grace all the way. Vpone the xxvj of the samyn monethe, the Denfes past a schipbuird ; they gat the banket of the toun of Edinburgh four dayis of befor : a woilley wes schot be the schipis and the castell.

Vpone the [vij] day of Junij, the erle of Worschefter come embassadour from Ingland, accompanied with the lord Comptoun and thrie or four scoir horffes. He brocht a propyne to the Queine, quhilk wes ane clock, ritchly wrocht and set with Jowelis, ane carkat of perle, with ane tablet, and a knok. Quhat forder commissioun he had it was not divulgat ; he remainit aucht or ten dayis, and depairted. At this samyn tyme, crovnall Steuart and Mr John Skenie past in ambassadage to the diukis of Almanyie ; and Carmichell folowed thame in ambassadage to Ingland.

Theare wes a conuenticoun of the estaites for reformatioun of all inormeteis. The lordis of sessioun wer intendit to be altered, and sum accusatioun past betuix Mr Johne Grahame and Mr Dauid M'Gill, baithe lordis of the sessioun, ather of thame accusing utheris of bryberie and kneavrie. At this tyme j^e thovsand lib. of the Kingis tocher guid wes givin to the burrowis in bank for ten of the hundrethe, quhilk extendit to ten thovsand pundis yairly. Vpone the xij of the samyn monethe, the Queine went thither to Dumfermling and Falkland, quhair they remaynit a schort spaice : the King went to his progres west, throw to Hamiltoun and Inschmirrane. The King returning tuik the Queine to Dumfermling, and fra that to Edinburgh, quhaire they remanit all wynter.

In the end of October 1590, word come that the King of France had left the seidge of Pareise, and that Parmey and diuk de Mayne had entered without batle thairin ; and that the toun of Torbit a litle from Pareise wes wyn be the saidis diukis, and all the inhabitantis put to the fuord. It wes thocht that the King of France dissoluit his army for want of wiveris, and that they wer long weiried.

Vpone the feird day of November, Mr Alexander Lyndsay brother to the erle of Crafurde wes maid lord of Spynie, and with him fir George Home and fir James Sandilandis knichtit.

In the begining of December, newis come out of France that the King had wyn Torbet againe, and pat all to the aidge of the fuorde ; and that he had teane the feildis, and that vij^m gentlemen voluntaris come in vpon thair awin chairgis, and myndit to fecht the diuk of Parmay befor his away going ; and the Bastillyee of Pareis wes mannit be certane tounsemen, quho called *Viva la Roy*.

Ane great controuerfie fell out about this tyme, betuix certane of the erle of Huntleis freindis and the Grantis ; quhairvpone forces wer reafed vpon ather sydis : and the erles of Atholl and Murray with the laird of Grant being in Tarnuay, the erle of Huntlie come to beseadge the house, quhaire thear wes fundrie of the Gordouns flayne, namlie ane Johne Gordoun, schot in at the movthe throw the craig and died. They wer all chairged afor the secreit counfall. Lykas, about the end of December, they wer all compellit to find caution for keiping the Kingis pace, and not inuading of utheris. Bot the erle of Huntlie, now being reconciled with the chancellor, had great court, and all doune at his plesour.

Great inquisition at this tyme for witches. Lykas Barbara Neapper and Eyphane M^cKallian and Agnes Sampson, wemen of guid reputatioun afor, wer teane as witches, with fundrie utheris baithe men and weemen. Sampson wes brunt, and died weil ; the rest wes keipit. Amangis the rest, ane Ritchie Grahame accusit of witchcraft confest many poyntis, and declaired that the erle of Bothuell wes ane treffecker with him and utheris, anent the conspyring of the Kingis dead. Quhairvpone the erle Bothuell, being fend for and accusit, being ane great poynt of tresoun, wes committed to waird within the castle of Edinburgh, and werie fraitlie keipit.

In the beginning of Merche 1591, there come in a great man out of Irland, to tak vp men aganis the Queine of Ingland, namit Bryanne Arroyk; quho remayning about ten or tuelf weikis in Glasgou, at last wes committed to waird within the castle of the samyn; and theirefter transported be the pryour of Blantyre and the laird of Carmichell to Carleill toun, quhairfra he wes caried to the Queine and delyverit in hir handis, to the great greife of many and flaunder of the countrie, besyd the skaithe the merchandis of the west had that trauelled to Irland. Vpone the xvj or xvij day of the said monethe, fuir word come that the Chairterhous wes wyn be the King of France, quhairin the hail ritches of Pareise wes put in keiping. Vpone the xvij day of Junij 1591, the King maid his generall reuocatioun at Falkland.

Vpone the xxij day of the said monethe of Junij, the erle Bothwele brak ward out of the castle of Edinburgh at twa houris in the morning, be the conuoy of Gilbert Lauder quho went with him. The King being in Tullibardin come immediatly to Edinburgh, and focht for ane force to persev him at Kelfo. The erle of Bothuell come to the Nether bow and cryed in, desyring ony man to bid the chancellor come and tak him, and he wald give ony man a croune; and that samyn nicht sovpit in Leithe, quhair the erle of Home joynit with him; and the erles of Mortoun, Errole, maister of Glamis and vtheris wer his fauoreitis. Quhairvpone the chancellor being affrayed, he sent for the King, quho come to Edinburgh in all heast. And his Majestie beand be the way in Westerweymis, the erle of Merfchell come to him, quhom he wold not heir, bot committed him in waird. The samyn erle wes brocht before the counsell, accusit and committed to waird within the castle of Edinburgh; schortly thereafter fred.

Vpone the penult of Julij, the King wreyt for the nobillety and barronis in all heast. The lord of Spynie past to Angus for taking of the maister of Glamis, bot come back without him. Quho thereafter wes

committed to waird in Blacknes, and releivit within a schort space, and wardit beyond Die. The lord Home was commandit out of the countrey, and the laird Balcleuche lykwayis past of the countrey with licence.

Vpone the xxvij day of December 1591, be a conspiracie the abbay of Halyroudhous was suppryfit. The erle of Bothuell, laird of Spot, laird of Nethrie, Archibald Douglas sone to William erle of Mortoun, and Mr John Colwill with thair affociatis, to the number of fourtie or fiftie perfonis, enterit in at a stable dur befyd the east geavill of the treatour toure, quhilk was called the diukes stable, within the quhilk thaire was a trape and ane entres priuie maid, quhilk past in to the plaice. And hasing entered therin, they first bereft the portour of the keyis, and then past to the chancelieris chalmer dur; they dang vp the samyn; he being forsein be the kry of ane boy that theare was ane tumult of men in the clofe, he withdrew him selff and sum vtheris within his inner chalmer, quhilk hes ane narow entrie, at quhilk the saidis conspiratouris strak with foir halmeris and schot pistoletis. Theare was sum schotis of muscatis schot out againe; sum of thame wer hurt, and for fear to be trappit past to the Quenis chalmer dur, quhilk they brak vp, and wer put from it till they gead that samyn way they come: and in that meane tyme, John Schaw maister stabler wes slayne vpone the morne, and vther morne folowing, theare was aucht of the samyn perfonis teane, and hanged without affyse foranent the Abbay yet.

The diuk of Lennox wes suspect of this purpois, be reffoun that ane of his seruandis William Steuart wes at the deid doing, and fugitiue with the rest. Certane of his Majesteis awin seruandis wer suspectit, specially Robert Land and Mr James Durhame of Duntarvie, quho wer apprehendit and committed to waird vpone the iiij of Januar. Lykwayis John Nesmyt wes accusit, quho wes committed to waird within the castell of Edinburgh, and fund heirefter to have bein the speciall plotter

and devyser of that buffines; his lyfe wes speared, bot him selfe banifchit.

About the xx day of Januar, word come that the erle of Bothuel with a great cumpany wes in the west pairtes, myndit to pas to Spayne. The diuk of Lennox and the erle of Huntlie war sent with commiffioun to tak the said erle; he narovly elcapit thair handis and past to Buit, or sum vther ile therabout. And they, remaining their aucht or ten dayis vpon a chack, wer compellit to returne home as they come as feild, except that they brocht in the scheref of Buit with thame, quho maid his awin pairt good. And then some of the said gaird wer send for to tak John Smollert, as fufpect to have bein vpone this conspiracie; and the said John being brocht afoir the counfall, he wes examinat, and keipit a certane fpaice. In lykmaner fir James Sandelands and the scheref of Buite war send, with commiffioun to fearch and feik the said erle of Bothuell.

Vpone the vij day of Februar or therby, the erle of Huntlie, with fex or fevin fcoir of his freindis, past out of the Kingis houle, and maid thame to gang to ane horfe reafe at Leithe; bot quhen they wer theare, hafing the executioun of a blouddie conspiracie in thaire hairte, they past to the Queinis ferrie, quhair they had caufit stay the passing over of all boittis, and past toward the plaice of Donnybirsell besyd Aberdour, pertaining to vmquhill James erle of Murray. Quhilk being the duelling houle of his mother, and he brocht to the famyn be the lord Vchiltrie, vpone his Majesteis promeis to reffave him in his hienes fauour, for any occasioun of hafing to doe with the erle of Bothuell, and vpone his Majesteis promeis to aggrie him the erle of Huntlie and the chancellor Mettland, fua vpone his Majesteis defyre and command foirfaid, the said lord Vchiltrie wreyt for him; quheare [vpone] he come to Donnybirsell, quhaire he wes flayne.

That famyn nicht that he wes flayne, efter his Majesteis come in fra

the hunting, to his ludging in Nithreis wynde in Nicoll Eduardis houe, quhair he ludgit at that tyme; the lord Vchiltrie, hearing the bruit quhairof he had no certantie, being accompained at the tyme with fourtie or fiftie horffe of his awin, be reffoun of his deadlie feadis that he stood vnder, past thame all in armes, and maid thame selffes radie to giang over to Dunnibirfell to fie the maner: lykas the erle of Mortoun promifit to fend fum of his men with him also. Quhairof the King being informed, fend for the said lord Vchiltrie with all diligence to come vnto him, and in the meanetyme caufit cloife the portis, and geve command to the bailyeis to stay all his horffes within thaire fleables. Lykas at his coming to his Majestie, efter long conference his Majestie difcharged him in ony foirt to steir that nicht, or to ryd by his knavledge. The said lord efter fum speiches to his Majestie reteired to his awin ludging. And vpone the morne thereafter, quhaire the said erle of Huntley with his bloudie menzie maist treffonable reafed fyre, brunt the houe of Donnybrifell, and maist vnvorthelie and schamefullie murderist and flew the said vmquhill erle of Murray, being the lustiest youthe, the first noble man of the Kingis bloode, and one of the peiris of the countrey, to the great regrait and lamentatioun of the hail pepill. And flew with him the scheref of Murray, and hurt thrie or four vtheris his seruandis; tuik some of his seruandis also, and returnit peceable back fra that execrable murthour, to the toun of Innerkeathing, quhaire they remanit all that nicht. The bloodie traitouris awowit that they had the Kingis commiffioun to this purpois, quhilk his Majestie denyed. In the meanetyme of theare staying in Innerkeathing that nicht, the said erle Huntlie fend over Gordoun of Buckie to tell the King the newis; quha wes haldin at the Kingis yet, and departed to his ludging. Quhairof knavledge comming to the lord Vchiltrie, and fum of the diuk of Lennoxis seruandis, and erle of Maris, he went and focht him warie diligentlie in the Cannogeat; and hearing that he had teane horfe at a

backfyde and ridden away, the said lord Vchiltrie sent for his horffe with all diligence, and folowit efter him ; bot he eschappit werie narroulie, and come agayne to the erle of Huntlie in Innerkeathing, quhair he being at his denner reafe thairfra, and flipped away without paying of his lawing.

Vpone the nynt day of Februar, the dead bodeis of the erle of Murray and scheref of Murray wer brocht over the waitre to Leithe be the lady Doun his mother, quha myndit vpon the morne thereafter to present thame to the King ; quhair of his Majestie being forfeine, he past out to the hunting, and commandit the bailyeis of Leithe to arreast the dead bodeis in theare ludging quhair they wer, and suffer thame not to be tranfported quhill they knew mair of his Majesteis mynd. Many noble-men wer wreyttin for, bot nane come except the lord of Hammiltoun, quha went out that samyn day with his Majestie to the hunting. Captane Gordoun and his man wes brocht over lykwayis, with the dead corporis. Theare wes ane warrand procurit be the lord of Spynie, till have teane captane Gordoun out of Leithe to the castle of Edinburgh, to have eschewit the present tryell of law ; quhair of the lord Vchiltrie being informit, tuik horfe, and his seruandis with him to the number of xxx or xl gentlemen weill horfit in thair armour, and folowit furthe efter the King to the hunting. Quhaire he come vnto the King vpon the northe fyde of Corstorphin craiges beyond Cravmound, quhaire his Majestie wes takin a drink, licted, and stayed his horfe at the hill fute, and come to his Majestie, and schew him that he wes informit that theare wes ane warrand procurit to carie captane Gordoun to the castle of Edinburgh, quhilk wald be ane henderance to his tryell in law, and the affyse and all vtheris thingis maid rady ; declairing to his Majestie how far this murthour tuitched his hienes, quhair of he besocht him most humblie to confidder, and quhat great wrong he had reffavit heirin his Majestie best knew ; quha caufit him wreyt for the said erle and the

chancellor Maitland. Vpone the said lord Vchiltrie his earnest defyre, his Majestie granted him a warrand to present the said captane Gordoun and his man to the tryell of ane affyse that samyn day ; quhilk with all diligence the said lord did performe, and the said captane wes beheadit, and his man hanged, quho wer baithe at the said murthour.

Proclamatiounis wes maid the tent day of the said monethe, to all noblemen, barronis and vtheris within a great number of scherefdomes, to ryse in armes with tuentie dayis loading, and mak forduard with the Kingis Majestie, [the] tent day of Merche nixt, for pursuit of the erle of Huntlie, and the committeris of the lait treffonable fact within the palace of Halyroudhous, efter the King and Quenis Majesteis had remanit a certane tyme in Edinburgh, and the King and chaunceller wes murmured aganis be the commoun pepill, for not haffing fiek regaird to the punischment of that murthour as become. The Kingis Majestie, the chancellor and court tuik jorney about the end of the said monethe of Februar to Linlithgow, quhair his Majestie remanit a certane tyme. They past fra that to Glasgou and Dumbartane, quhaire calling befor thame and thair counsell sum of the refetteris of the erle Bothuell, laitlie in these pairtis about Dumbartane, they wardit the laird of Foulwood and his wyfe, with sum vtheris ; and haffing taried a certane tyme, in theare backcomming from Dumbartane, in the toun of Glasgou (as all the countrie thocht purposlie, and as it appeared to eschew the exclamatioun of the pepill,) they returnit to Linlithgow. At the Kingis being in Dumbartane, the maister of Elphinstoun wes send to him in commissioun be the erle of Huntlie, quho, in the said erles name, offerrit him and his companie to a tryell for the said murthour, ather befor his Majestie and his counsell, or the justice generall and his deputis ; thinking that a commissioun, quhilk he purchest of his Majestie for the per-suite of fiek as assistit the erle of Bothuell, fould bein a sufficient warrand for the slauchter of the erle Murray. Always it wes thocht meit

heirvpone, that the erle of Huntlie fould be chairged to compeir befor the King and counsell at a day, that his compearance to abyd tryell nicht be maid fuir, albeet nothing wes les meanit then wer that he fould bein therby indengerit or trubled. The chairge being direct out, it wes thocht meit that he fould [not] be sufferit to come in his Majesteis prefence, for the bruites cause, and for eschewing of forder miflyking of the pepill; bot befor the day of compearance to [be] committed in waird for his tryell. And fua the said erle, comming fordward in armis to keip the day, accompanied with fevin or aucht^e men, wes chairged be the way in the toun of St Johnstoun, to enter his perfone in waird in the castle of Blacknes, and his freindis in the castle of Edinburgh. He come to his waird, and enterit therin, bot his freindis past back, and diffobeyit the chairge. Efter he had remanit a fyve or sex dayis in wairde, he geve in ane bill to the counsell, and defyrit to be fred, vppone cautioun that he fould compeir vppone the thrid day of the nixt justice air within the fchyre quhair he duelt, or fooner vppone xv dayis warning, and vnderly the law for the said murthour: quhilk, efter sum circumftances vfit, wes granted be the King and maift pairt of the counsell, and his releif put in the Kingis awin handis; and fua wes fred quyetlie be his Majestie, and past therfra to the castell of Fyndheavin, quhair he remanit in cumpanie with the erle of Crafurde a certane tyme; and thereafter wes fred simpliciter, or vppone cautioun never fund, as I hard. The lord Vchiltrie, feing how thir maiteris wer handlit, and how the reuendge of this murthour be law wes neglectit, quhairvppone he had stayed all this tyme, and that his Majestie had promifit vnto him to folow furthe that maiter be law in all rigour; he, feing no appearance therof, paffes over the water to the erle of Atholl, the erle of Montroife, M^cKuntosche, Grant, the laird of Weymis of that ilk, with the haill barronis apperteaning and depending vppone the houle of Atholl, and cauffes fet down a band in wreyt, oblißand thame to concur

and goe forduard at all occasionis quhen they sould be requyrit, or that occasioun sould offer, for the reuendge of that murthour : lykas he red throw all his freindis vpon the southe fyde of Forthe, and caufit thame to subscryve the said band. Quhair of the King hearing be informatioun of chancellor Maitland, and his instigatioun movit his Majestie to send for the said lord Vchiltrie, and to inquyre for the said band. The lord Vchiltrie affermit and confest his traueilling and obteaning of the samyn band, alledging that he had great reffoun so to doe, for he saw no vther appearance of reuendge to come ; afferming oppinlie to his Majestie at all tymes, that he wald embrace and refuse no freindschip that wald assist and tak pairt in the reuendge of that murthour.

The Kingis Majestie remaining in Merche at Linlithgow, the nobilitie and estaitis wer wreyttin for to ane conuentioun, the xx day of Apryle befor the parliament, quhilk wes continowit to the xxiiij day of Maij thairefter. For eschewing and schuilting this conuentioun, the Kingis Majestie ten or xij dayis befor tuik jorney out of Edinburgh vpon the suddand toward Dundie, quhair he hard that the erle Bothuell wes schipped at Bruchtie, and passing thairfra to Kaithnes. At that tyme he remanit viij or ix dayis in Dundie, quhaire he vfit a tryell of sum personis that had reffavit the erle of Bothuell ; and thairefter past to Perth, quhaire the erle of Atholl wes desyred to compeir afor his Majestie and counsell, to ansuer for the reset of the erle Bothuell in his boundis and countrie. The maister of Gray [wes] chairged for this samyn reset, quho wes fugitiue. The erle of Atholl being sumquhat flaw in his incomming, proclamatiounis wer direct to mak forduard vpon him, bot the erle of Mar perceaving the extreametie, purchest a commissioun to him selfe and the lord of Tillibardin, to pas for Atholl and bring him in, quho did the samyn ; bot Athol come substantiullie accompanied. And remaining quhill the day of the conuentioun wes expyred at St Johnstoun, his Majestie come to Falkland, quhaire reso-

lutioun wes teane that the conuentionoun and parliament fould bathe hald forduard, the conuentionoun the xxiiij day of Maij, and the parliament within v or vj dayis thairefter ; quhairvpone the nobilletie and estaitis wer wrettin for of new to that effect. And thairefter the King come over at Erlfferrie to Fentoun ; and remayning theare about thrie or four dayis come to Dalkeithe, furthe of the quhilk he come the xxiiij of Maij 1592 to Edinburgh, for halding of the conuentionoun and parliament.

At this fame tyme word come of the King of France wictorie over the prince of Parmey ; and how he had teane ficht, and wes defeat.

It wes thocht meit that, at the beginning of the conuentionoun and parliament, they fould cheife the lordis of artickelis, vpone the xxix day of Maij in the tolbuthe of Edinburgh. Theare repaired to the samyn the duik of Lennox, erle of Anguse, Mortoun, with vtheris diuerse erles and lordis. Theare wes a new counfall chosen the fame tyme. The proces of forfaltour wes led aganis the erle Bothuell, laird of Spot, laird of Samuelstoun, Nithre, William Steuart sumtyme constable of Dumbartane, Patrik Comming, with certane utheris partakeris with the erle Bothuell. Sundrie guid actis maid in favouris of the ministrie, and vtheris of the temporall estait ; I remit thame to the buik.

The King and Queinis Majestie remaining in Falkland in Junij 1592, vpone the xxviiij day betuix ane and twa in the nicht, the said erle Bothuell hasing conspyred the apprehensioun of the Kingis persone that nycht, accompanied with iij^e personis, and persevit the palace thair of fra that tyme to vij houris in the morning ; bot the King with these about him, being for seine and advertifit be the watche, withdrew himselff to the tour of Falkland, quhilk they had furnischt with wiveris, and schot furthe, and keipit the samyn without hurt. And sua the said erle depaired with his companie west fra the said palace, about vij houris in the morning, bot his Majestie not being any number, and his horsfes

teane be Bothuell, he left of the foloving of thame. The gentlemen and haill inhabitantis of Fyffe come fast in hearing of this, and that Bothuell wes fled: theare come also Perth, Dundie, Covpar, with fundry vtheris burrowis, to the number of iij^m personis or thairby, or sex houris at ewin. His Majestie tuik purpois that same nicht, to pas at aucht houris at ewin to Brunteland, and vpone the morne come over to Halyroudhous, quhaire his Majestie remainit a certane spaice.

The erle of Angus wes command forduard to that conspiracie, bot fuerued and stayed at Merkinsche; quhairvpone he wes chargit to compeir befor the King and counfall. The laird of Balweirie and Ardrie joynit thamefelfes with Bothuell.

The lairdis of Burley and Logie, delaitit to [have] had intelligence with the erle Bothuell, wer takin and apprehendit be the diuk of Lennox, the ix day of August 1592, and committed to ward within Dalkeithe; quhaire being examinat they baithe confest the same. Burley gat his lyfe for telling the treuthe, bot Logie, being a great courtiour with the King, and dealler with the erle Bothuell, in Bothuellis interpryse quhilk fould bein done at Dalkeithe, to wit, that they fould come in at the back yet throw the yeard, and gottin the King in thair handis, the said laird of Logie wes ordeanit to be tryed be ane assyse, and execut to the dead. Bot the same nycht that he wes examinat, he escapit out be the meanis of a gentlevoman quhom he loved, a Dence, quho conuoyed him out of his keiperis handis throw the Queinis chalmer, quhaire his Majestie and the Queine wer lyand in thair beddis, till a wyndow in the backfyde of the plaice, quhair he gead doun vpone a tow; and schot thrie pistoletis in takin of his onloving, quhaire sum of his seruandis with the laird of Nithrie wer awating him.

Vpone the xv day of August 1592, the lord of Spynie wes accusit of the refet and intercommuning with the erle Bothuell, be crowall Steuart befor the King and counfall. Quhilk being denyed, efter mony

attestatiounis and offer of the combat, the said crownnar offerit to prove, be witnesse and fundrie vtheris circumstances, vpon the xxix day of the samyn monethe, assienit to that effect. The lord Spynie was committed to ward in Sterling castle, and the crounar in Blacknes in the meantyme, quhair he had beine of befor, as suspect giltie of Falkland read. The day hasing come, the crounar refuset to vse ony witneses or circumstances, alledging that it mycht be preiudiciall to the cause, for they mycht be slayne or subornit, and declaired that he wald vse his witnesse at the day of tryell; quhilk the counsell thocht expedient, and set a day to that effect, the xij of September nixt, and in the meanetyme wardit. Vpon the v of September, Airdrie and captane Hackertoun, associates of the erle Bothuell, wer bathe teane in Leithe be the maister of Glamis and sir James Sandelandis.

In the meanetyme the chancellor fled of court, and durst not remayne thairat be reffone of the illwill [of] the diuk of Lennox. The erle of Ergyle, erle of Mar, maister of Glamis remanit about his Majestie at Dalkeithe. The diuk quarrellit the chancellor for vsing sum tanting wordis. The court at this tyme beguid to millyk the chancellor and Lyndfais that buir court of befor.

* It wes aggreet betuix [the diuk] and Seffuird, that Patrik Murray seruand to the King sould leid the teindis; sa the diuk returnit. They had ane vther purpoise, to wit the taking and bringing in of Fernihearft, Hunthill, and certane vtheris bordourmen, suspect of the reset of the erle of Bothuell; bot not finding the tyme fit, and hearing that they wer gathered, they left, and returnit home. The purpois of the vplifting of the teindis of Kelfo and Sprouistoun wes refuset be all men. Then the Kingis Majestie pressed the lord Ochilttrie thairwith, quho frelie vndertuik the samyn; quhairvpon theare wes fiftie horfmen

* A paragraph appears to be omitted here, which is supplied in the Appendix, from the other M.S.—Ed.

givin him in pay, quhom the said lord payed monethlie, with the said rent of Sprovtoun and Kelfo, during all the tyme of his theare being. His Majestie lykwayis wes informed that Boduell had ane that conyeed fals conyee, in the house of Row in Liddisdeall : vpone the quhilk information, his Majestie wreyt to the lord Vchiltrie, desyring him to go to the said house, and to bring sick men to his Majestie as he fand theare, togither with all sick instrumentis as could be their had for conyeing, with pover to rease the haille countrie gif neid war. Quhairvpone immediatelie the said lord Vchiltrie gatherd to the number of seven or aucht scoir horffe, all in armour, weill horfit, and red first to Jedburghe, quhair they stayed that nicht, and refreschit him selff and his companie ; and Ferniheast his brother in law sent with him thrie scoir horffe vpone the morne at nicht, red to the house of the Row at Liddisdeall, and theare tuk the twa men out of the house besyde the toure, and thairefter strouk vp the duris of the toure, and brocht the ironnis that prented the conyie, with all the instrumentis, togither with ane number of xxx s. peices to the King, quhilk wer counyied theare, and delyverit the same to his Majestie in the Abbay. The fals conyer wes gone in England, and wes not to be had ; to feik metle to counyie moir, as wes reported.

Vpone the tuelt day of September, prefixit to my lord Spyny to abyde assyse for the treasoun quhairof Crounar Steuart accusit him, the maiter wes continowit, and nothing doune till the xiiij day, quhilk wes also continowit, and his Majestie promitted to have the witnesse rady aganis the thrid of October. At this tyme a rayd wes proclamit to be at Jedburghe, the xxv of September, for taking of the border barronis refetteris of Bothuell, to the quhilk ane great number of scherefdomes wes warnit. The saidis personis being chairged to compeir diffobeyit, and past to the horne. The erle of Bothuell come to Haick, accompanied with thrie or four hundreth brokin men of the Grahames of Ask

and vtheris, to meit the King of purpois command to Jedburghe : and the King wes stayed hearing heirof, becaufe they repared not fa foone as they wer warnit to the King.

In the meanetyme Ferniehearft come in to Dalkeathe to the King vpone his knees, and cravit pardoun. He gat sick anfuer as he luikit not for ; alwayis it wes deliberat that his lyfe and landis fould be faife : quho come in thairefter, wes wardit in the caſtle of Edinburgh, and the proveſt and bailyeis of Jedburghe beyond Forthe.

Theirefter his Majeſtie liſted ane hoift of twa or thrie thovſand men, and come to Jedburghe, quhair his Majeſtie held court vpone the malefactouris and reſetteris of the erle Bothuell, quhair he cooſt doun certane of thair houſſes. The diuk at this tyme was maid keippar of Liddifdeal, and proveſt of Jedburghe, and in November thairefter, fundrie of the outlawis come in, and offerrit thame ſelffis in will.

Immediatlíe heirefter the erle of Atholl paſt to Tarnoway, accompanied with fundrie of his freindis, viz. the lord Vchiltrie, Louit, M'Kuntoſche, and quhat they with many vtheris could mak, of intention to be reuendgit of the erle of Huntlie for the murthour of the erle of Murray : lykas M'Kunthoſche vpone Straboggie land flew a great number thairefter. The King, for pacefeing this purpois, ſent the erle of Angus as leiſtennent to the northe, vpone the [xij] day of November 1592 ; and according to the Kingis directioun, cauſit bathe the parteis ſubſcryve ane aſſurance, bot of theare awin forme. They wer baithe commandit away ; the one pairtie to Dunkeld, the vther to Aberdein, to funder the pairteis. Bot immediatlíe thairefter, theare wes ſlauchter maid be Allane M'Kildowie vpone M'Intofche men and frendis, and great hearſchip.

Vpone the thrid day of December 1592, captane James Steuart was brocht in to the Kingis Majeſtie, be his cheife my lord Vchiltrie, quho wes at that tyme in great credit with the King, be reſſoune of fundrie

guid proufes of feruice his Majestie had of him fra tyme to tyme of befoir, and speciallie aganis the erle Bothuell; and gat presence of the Kingis Majestie and wes weill reffavit, efter he had bein sevin yeiris or therby from court, evir sen the read of Sterling. Quhairat the ministeris cryed out and fand falt, becaufe he had schewin him selfe hard to the ministeris quhen he wes in court, and wes the persever of the erle of Mortoun at the King and counsallis command, according to a warrand granted theranent, as lykwayis of the erle of Govreis dead. The said lord Vchiltrie brocht him againe to the Kingis Majestie, quhom with he spak thereafter, and then past to the west countrie with the said lord Vchiltrie, quhair he had interteined him in his house thereafter thrie yeiris, till the day of his deathe, quhilk wes the day of the yeir of God . Quho wes werie foully slayne be James Douglas of Torthoreall, of quhom he luikit for no herme: as it wes constantlie reportit, he wes stirred vp be sum about the King, fearing his incomming, bot chieflie remembring that he wes persever of the erle of Mortoun, quhilk he did at the Kingis command and counsallis. He wes slayne command to Vchiltrie from Hafelfyde: quhaire of the lord Vchiltrie, being in court with the King, informit his Majestie; the quhilk his hienes wes heichlie offendit at, and promisit to had hand, and sie that maiter repaired with all rigor, according to justice. Quhairvpon the lord Vchiltrie folowit furth that maiter befoir the iustice, and gat him to the horne for non compearance, and vfit all the meanis he could to have had the reuendge of that bloude.

About the beginning of Januar 1592, theare wes ane Mr George Ker, brother to the lord Nevbotle, apprehendit in Cumray ile, as ane traffickin papist; and letters of the Peapis and King of Spanyis gottin in ane fark sleive of ane marineris; and he and they brocht to Edinburgh. Theare wer also apprehendit with him certane wreytis and missives, direct from the erles of Angus, Huntlie, Erroll and fundrie

vtheris, with blank letters subfcryvit be thame, difcovering theirin ane conspiracie aganis relligioun, the King and thair natiue countrie.

The erle of Angus, comming accidentally to Edinburgh, wes teane and apprehendit be the fecreat counfall, and toun therof, and put in the castell in waird. The King hearing heirof come to Edinburgh in all heaft from Sterling, quhair he fend for ane great number of the nobilletie to tak ordour with this maiter.

And then fir Daurid Grahame of Fentrie and Mr George Ker wes brocht from Sterling, to the tolbuthe of Edinburgh. It wes thocht meit, becaufe of Mr George Keris denyell, that he fould be butted, and the iustice clerk and Mr William Hairte, being bofted be his freindis, durft not doe the fame, vntill the tyme his Majestie taking the maiter hiechly, wold have the fame donne. And efter the fecund streak he cryed for mercie, and confest all, and declaired that the blankis subfcryvit be the erles of Huntlie, Angus, Arroll, Auchindovne [and] fir James Chifholme, fould bein caried to Spayne; and that ane Mr William Crichtoun of a Jefuite fould filled thame as he thocht guid to the King of Spayne. The commiffioun wes that xxx^m men fould land out of Spayne at the weft feas, and be conuoyed to the noble men theare adherentis in at Carlelle, and fua furthe to Ingland, and that fyve thovsand Spayneyardis fould be left in Scotland, quhilkis, with affiftance of the nobilletie, fould proclame libertie of confcience. In refpect of Mr Georges declaratioun of the treuthe, the King granted him his lyfe. The laird of Fentrie deponit the famyn, and therfoir wes execut.

About the first day of Februar 1592, the erle of Angus brak ward within the caſtle of Edinburgh, and paſt north over to the reſt of his adhearentis. Theare wes a read proclamit toward the northe immediatly heirefter. His Majestie tuik jorney be Sterling and Perth, and wes in Aberdeen the xxij of the ſaid monethe. The rebelis wer not

feine, bot fugitiue to Caitnefe. The haille countrie men wer called in ; the blankis and vtheris schawin ; and a declaratioun maid of his Majesteis comming in these pairtes. Cautioun wes fund of the barronis for the Kingis peace, ryfing and concurring with him quhen he pleafit, and for all obedience. And a generall band fubfcriyvit be the King, his nobilletie and barronis, for ftrait perfuit of the erles and vther foloveris with all rigor. The erle of Atholl wes maid commiffioner within the boundis of Elgin, Forres, Nairne, Nes, Cromartie and all beyond Spay ; the erle of Merschell from the north waitter to Spay.

At this tyme come in ane Inglifche ambaffadour namit the lord Barroche. The commiffioun wes, that, feing the King of Spayne had teane vp banner aganis Ingland and Scotland for profeffioun of the treuthe, it wald pleafe his Majestie to denunce wear with him ; nixt that these that wer of the lait conspiracie mycht be folowit with all rigor ; thridlie, that the league of amitie betuix the twa realmes mycht be reiterat.

To the quhilkis anfuer wes maid be fir Robert Melvill of Murdo-cairnie knicht thesaurer deput : To the first, that no occafioun of wear wes offerrit, be reafone that the haille fubiectis of this realme had frie paffadge and tread within Spayne ; and incaice he meanit to perfev Ingland be landing of his men heir, he wald give pledges that theare fould be no fkeath donne : calling to mynd that theare wer many fair offeris maid of befoir to the King at thair laft ftrait, bot never a vord keipit. It wes anfuerit to the fecound, that his Majestie, being a frie prince, wald tak na directioun from the Queine of Ingland to vfe or not vfe his fubiectis. And to the thrid, that theare wes no break and therfoir na reneving.

About the xj of Apryle 1593, the ambaffadour departed homeward. It wes then concludit that fir Robert Melvill fould be fend ambaffadour, with a full refoluing anfuer to Ingland.

At this tyme the diuk and lord of Spynie wes aggreet, and he with his brother put in thair owin plaices. Vpone the xxviiij of Apryle, the Kingis Majestie, alledging he wes to hunt, read quicklie out of Haddingtoun to Leidingtoun to the chancellor, dynit with him, and conferred long, quhairat the counsell wes agast.

Vpone the nynt of Junij 1593, fir Robert Melvill wes sent in England, with ane full resolutioun to the Queine, and for reffaving the Kingis annuell he had yeirlye out of England. The ministrie cryed alwayis out, and wer offendit at the ladie Huntlieis being in the Abbay, hir husband being ane of the speciall conspiratouris: at last the Kingis Majestie movit heir with, and at the defyre of Mr Bowes embassadour, pat hir away.

The parliament began vpon the xiiij day of Julij 1593. The diuk of Lennox buir the croun, the erle of Ergyle the sceptour, and erle of Mortoun the fuord. The lordis of the articklis electit. Vpone the xxj day of Julij, the King red againe to the tolbuthe. The erle of Atholl being in the toun wald not ryd, because his Majestie wald not condiscend to the erle of Huntleis forfaltour; nor yit the lord Hamilton, being their also. And his Majestie caused mak offeris to be gevin in in the erle of Huntleis name and the conspiratouris, for satisfactioun of his Majestie and the kirk. This parliament wes litle thocht of, because the erles wer not forfalted; it wes maid a current parliament, and continowit to November nixt. In the meanetyme ane great number of perfonis wer slayne in Sanquhaire, and theare bloudie farkis brocht to the King.

Vpone the xxiiij day of Julij 1593, the erle Bothuell and Mr John Coluill, quho had bein thrie yeiris banifcht, come in, accompanied with the erle of Atholl, the lord Forbes, the lord Vchiltrie (quho joynit with thame for reuendge, and vponne promise to assit the reuendge of the erle of Murrays slauchter) to the number of twa or thrie hundreth

men, to the abbay of Halyroudhouse; quhaire it wes reported that the said erle and Mr John war brocht in be the lady Atholl, at the back yet of the said abbay, betuix aucht and nine houris in the morning; and at the Kingis ryfing, entered in his chalmer, quhaire his Majestie being putting on his clothes, the said erle and Mr John fell down on thaire knees, and geve theare fuordis vpon the grund, craving mercie and pardoun moift humblie, quhilk his Majestie yeildit to. There wes vpon this practize the diuk of Lennox, the erle of Atholl, the lordis Vchiltrie, Forbes and Spynie, with fundrie vtheris bandit to the samyn purpois with the erle Bothuell. Theare wes ane great tumult in Edinburgh for this. They come all down in armis, and cryed to vnderstand the Kingis mynd, quho cryed out, and sayd that he wes not captiue, bot weill, incaice that quhilk wes promifit be thame sould be keiped; and commandit thame all to the Abbay kirk yeard, to stay theare quhill he cald for thame; and immediatly thairefter sent for the provest and bailyeis, and commandit thame to dissolue and goe homeward; he hovpit all sould be weill.

Schortlie heirefter the erle of Mar, maister of Glamis, priour of Blantyre, with fundrie vtheris, reteired thame selves as malecontentis of the toun. It wes thocht meit that Bothuell sould reteir him of the toun, quhill he wer tryed of the cryme of witchcraft layd to his charge; and the tent of August set for that effect. The King red immediatlie thairefter to Falkland, accompained with the diuk, the lord Vchiltrie and Spynie, and returnit to Edinburgh to the tent day of August appoynted as said is. At quhilk day the erle of Bothuell wes put to the knavledge of ane assyse, and purged be thame all in ane voce. Immediatlie heirefter the King being bound to Falkland wes stayed be the lordis, quhill it wes agreeet that his Majestie sould pas as a frie prince quhaire he plesit, and that the erle of Bothuell nor none of his confederatis sould come neir him without his licence; and sicklyk that the chancellor, the erle of

Mar and thair confederatis fould not repair to court, quhill the parliament appoynted the tent day of November. So as his Majestie departed weill content, promitting be his oathe and handwreyt to restoir the erle of Bothuell to his landis, and all his confederatis.

Word come that the King of France wes turnit papist, and then crounit at Pareise.

Theirefter at a conuentioun appoynted at Sterling, it wes concludit and aggreit be the King and nobilletie, that seing his Majestie wes not sufficientlie pleased to his honour, anent the erle of Bothuell for his double treafonis, theirfoir he and his foloveris fould come in theare prefence of new agayne, and crave pardoun on theare kneis, quhilk fould be granted, and thairefter that he fould reteir him selfe from court, to the tyme that the parliament fould hald, at quhilk tyme he and his fould be restoiored; and then that he fould goe of the countrie, and remaine during his Majesties pleaseour. Quhairat the erle of Mar, my lord Home, sir George Home, maister of Glamis, the pryour of Blantyré and vtheris being glad, returnit to court, and war weill acceptit of. Sir Robert Meluill and Mr Robert Bruce wer sent to the erle Bothuell to signefie the conclusioun afoir said; quho attending theare comming at Linlithgow acceptit werie gladlie heirof, and promitted to performe the same to his Majesteis pleaseour. And this being declaired to the King be the afoirsaidis commissiouneris, his Majestie wes weill contented thairwith. Schortlie theirefter proclamatioun is maid that Bothuell fould not come neir the court, within ten myles, etc. And the flate stode sa at this tyme, that it wes feared that the papist lordis fould be reffavit in fauour againe: and on the vther syde, all the ministry fauored the erle Bothuell, thinking him moift meit to be a chif-taine for the professouris, incaice they fand occasioun to come aganis the papistes.

The King remaining at Linlithgow to the day of October, in

come the chancellor and young Ceffurd with twa or thrie hundrethe horffe to the King, and wer welcome. The gairde of fiftie horffe wer committed to my lord Home, quho wes aggreet with young Ceffuird, and the chancellor with the maifter of Glamis.

His Majestie being forseine at this tyme of a conuentioun and conuocatioun to have bein maid be the erle of Atholl at the castell of Doun, reafe, accompanied with fundrie erles and lordis, and first send chairges, nixt folowit himselff, for staving of this purpois, and wes of mynd to have the erle of Atholl slayne. He wes accompanied with the erles of Montroise and Govrie: bot he vpone intelligence had afoir past away and escapit; the erles of Montrois and Govrie abed his Majestie coming to Doune, and wer hardlie persevit be the Kingis companie, and in perrell to haue beine slayne, had not the lord Hammilton staved the maiter, and that the gaird had not chance to forgather with thame, hasing gone ane vther way to Dovne. The erle of Montrois come in himselfe, efter the lord Hammiltoun had sayd to the King that the noblemen had not offendit, bot wer anfuerable. The said erle vttered hard termes to his Majestie, in that he wes so persevit, and sa vfed. Sua his Majestie returnit to Linlithgow.

All this tyme the papist lordis wer lyand about the court, within thrie or four myles, and had daylie purpoisse with the courtiouris. Chancellor Maitland depairted to Teuiotdeall, with proclamationis to reafe all the countrie aganis my lord Bothuell. A conuentioun wes appoynted to be at Perth, quhair the erles of Huntlie, Angus and Errol wes ordeanit to be tryed, quhair they had ane affyse of theare awin chosing.

A new proclamatioun that all betuix sextie and sexteine within all the southe schyres sould ryse, and meit his Majestie in going to the bordouris, aganis the xij of October. And his Majestie passand foruard that day, the erles conspiratouris come all and met his Majestie at Fallow

kirk, a litle on this fyde of Soutray hill, and falling on thaire knees craved pardoun; his Majestie seemed not to ken thame till the day appoynted, and that the ministrie war pleased; quhairvpon they departed back againe. His Majestie sent the lord Lundoris and maister of Glamis to tell the ministrie of theare comming in maner foirfaid, and of his ansuer; quhairof the ministrie mislyked, and bad his Majestie be doand, quhilk Lendoris reported to the King. The effect of this read wes to appoynt ane provest of Jedburgh, and keipper of Liddifdeall, and to call in Ferniheast, Hunthill and vtheris the erle of Bothwellis fauorouris, vnder sick heiche paines, etc.

Theare wes ane assemblie of the ministrie at Edinburgh, quhair the barronis conuenit with thame vpon the xvij day. The commissiouneris of the kirk, barrounis and burgesse, being conuenit in the Litle kirk of Edinburgh, and forseand the present denger, quhairinto the kirk within the realme, the Kingis persoun, his estait and haill commoun weill stood into, send the personis folowing in commissioun to his Majestie, viz. the laerdis of Calderwood and young Merchistoun for the barronis, the commissiouneris of Edinburgh, Dundie and Perth, Mr Patrik Galloway and Mr James Melving ministeris, with artickelis folowing: To desyre that the tryell of the lordis conspiratouris sould not be heastie, bot delayit to sick tyme that all the professouris of the gospell wer rypelie advyfit quhat wes meitest in that maiter, they being thair pairtie and accusoris: Item, it is cravit that thir appostat conspiratouris, being accusit of the heichest tresoun committed, may be put in sum fuir waird, till ordour be teane with all the papistis quhairof they are the head, and till the estaitis advyse forder quhat maner of tryell salbe vfit aganis thame. Item, it is desired that the estaites being advyfit as said is, the pairtie accuseris have the electioun of thaire assyse, and not thame selves as is pretendit. Item, it is cravit, that seing they ar excommunicat, that they be not admitted to have persons in judgement, nor benefit of

the law, quhill they be joynit vnto Chryft, according to the lawis of the countrie and his Majesteis awin promiseis. Item, gif his Majestie will not alter the day, (as they doubt not bot he will) then they crave that, as his Majestie professes relligioun with thame, and the saidis conspiratouris the contrair, they that be professouris of relligioun may be his Majesteis gaird, and that they be admitted in the moift sensible and wearilyk maner to be about his Majestie, to defend his persone from theare violence, and to accuse thame to the vttermoist; quhilk they ar myndit to doe, and it sould be with the loife of all thaire lyfes on ane day, for certanely they ar determinat that the countrey fall not bruik thame bathe, sa lang as they ar Godis profest enemeis. The King tuik this in werie euill pairt at the beginning, sayand he wald not acknavledge sick commissiouneris, that had conuenit thame selves besyd his priuetic or commissioun. Always he sayd he sould continew that dyet, bot wald not let thame ken to quhat tyme or plaice. Yit senfyne his Majestie resoluit to hald that tryell at Linlithgow, vpon the xxix day of October instant, and hes of new wreyttin to the nobilletie and estaite for that effect.

At this conuention haldin at Linlithgow, the ordouring of maiteris, and satling of the estaite to the suirtie of relligioun and his Majesteis persone, with the tranquillitie of the estait, in respect theare conuenit not sick a number of noble men and vtheris as war wreyttin for, was remitted to sex of evrie estaite with sex ministeris, quhilkis sould confer, and give in sick headis and artickelis as they wold be at, and then to meit at Edinburgh vpon the xij of November 1593. Quhairvpon commissioun was granted to thame be act of counfall, to tak tryell in that maiter anent the erle of Huntlie, Angus and Erroll, withe the vther hail thingis in difordour and confusioun within the realme, quhilk is declaired to be als waldid and effectual as ane assyse or court of parliament.

About this tyme ane great truble fell out betuix the lord Maxwell and the laird of Johnstoun.

Proclamationis wes maid that the perfonis refetting the faidis erles in thair houffe fould incur no cryme; and this wes to the effect they nicht remaine neir Edinburgh, quhair the commiffioneris and eftaites mycht the better intercommoun with thame. At this xij of November, the noblemen wreyttin for come not, and fua the eftaitis that come choufit out certane, as it wer twa of .evrie eftaite with fum of the offeris of eftait, to wifie fick headis as wer to be reffonit on, and to repoint the famyn to the haille number foirfaid, quhilk fould conueine againe vpon the xix of November; lyk as they wer wreyttin for againe to that effect. Vpon the faid xix day, the famyn eftaitis convenit again as for the laft tyme and dyet, quhilkis war thir chofin be reffoun na vtheris wold come; to wit, the diuk of Lennox, erle of Mar, the chancellor and lord Leivingftoun for that eftait; the lairdis of Bafe, Baleary, Abbitshall, Tullibardin and Airthe for the barronis; the commiffioneris of Edinburgh, Dundie, Sterling, Linlithgow and Couper in Fyfe. Twa or thrie of the miniftrie wer alfo prefent, quhilkis wald nather reffone nor woit in thefe thingis proponit, bot onlie cravit ane anfuer to fick thingis as they had givin in in artickles.

The King thocht it meit for the quyetnes of the eftaite, that ane act of abolitioun fould be granted to the thrie erles, Achindovn, and fir James Chifholme, for all thingis attemptit aganis relligioun, speciallie the fubfcriving of the blankis afoir fpecifeit, and vtheris thingis contenit in the fummondis of forfaltour intentit aganis thame of befoir; quhilk act of abolitioun wes defyrit to be granted with fum conditionis, that is to fay, that they fould firft fatisfie the kirk and miniftrie, betuix and the firft day of Februar nixt, and that they fould be fummond thairto afoir thair ordinar prefbitreis or finodall affembleis, aganis fum day within that tyme, to give the confeffion of thair faithe, fubfcrive the artikkelis of relligioun, and folow the difciplin of the kirk in all thingis; and gif they refusit, to be expellit the countrey, and not to inioy the benefit of

the said act. Sum vther particular iniunctionis wer givin, and caution ordeanit to be fund vnder great foumes, for obseruing of the same. Lykas also, gif they attemptit any thing againe aganis relligioun or the estait of the countrey, of theare awin confessioun and consent sould [be] demeinit as traitouris without forder proces. This wes thocht meit be the saidis estaitis, chosén and ordeanit to be fend to the saidis erles, to vnderstand gif they wold accept of this conclusioun or not. The minifterie present protestit aganis the said act of abolitioun, and disassentit fra the samyn ; lykas they cryed out aganis the said act, with all that wes donne at this conuentioun.

At this tyme the erle Bothuell wes ordinit to be denuncit to the horne, for non compearance befor the King and counfall ; and yit the horning wes slayed, and he in the meanetyme chairged to depairt out of Scotland, Ingland and Irland, within xv dayis, and thairefter to mak suit for ony thing he would be at.

Vpone the last day of November, theare wes a great fearfing maid of the erle Bothuell within Edinburgh, and sum of his fauoureris teane and wardit, to wit Mr John Ruffell aduocat, and Robert Steuart scheresclerk ; they wer first wardit within the toun, and then transported to the castell. Theare falt wes the refet of Mr John Colvill and the erle Bothuell ; bot the speciall thing they challengit Mr John Ruffell for wes the lybelling of the summondis of reducioun to the erle Bothuell of his forfaltour. Thir twa wes fred within twa or thrie or four dayis thairefter, for the quhilk the said Mr Johne payed tuelff hundrethe pundis, and the vther vj^e pundis to the interteinment of the Kingis gaird, to the great mislyking of many.

Vpone the sext day of December 1593, the lord Maxwell warden of the west marches, hasing conuenit twa thousand men or thairby in armes, quhilkis war lyand in Annandeall besyd Lokarbie, of intentioun to have assedgit the laird of Johnstonis house of the Lochwood, and to

have rooted out him and the memorie of his name in these boundis, according to the Kingis commiffioun granted vnto him for that effect; for the Kingis Majestie buir ane euill will toward the laird of Johnstoun, for that he fauored the erle Bothuell, and assisted him with sum of his men at the read of Falkland, and als becaufe he brack waired out of the castell of Edinburgh. Lykwayis theare was a band past betuix the said lord Maxwell and the laird of Drumlenrick, Clofburne and vtheris, the said laird of Johnstounis deadlie enemeis. It fell out sua that Johnstoun in the meanetyme, presenting himselff withe fourtie horsemen in companie, in the sight of the lord Maxwell and his great hoast, sum skurrouis of the lord Maxwellis to the number iij^{xx} wer send out to persev him and his number, quha taking the cheafe, had ane ambuschment of men, to the number of iij or iij^e, lyand darnit in a wood; besyd of the quhilk number, theare was a great pairt of the lord Balcleuches frindis quha brak, and layd the cheafe againe vpone the lord Maxwellis scurriouris, and folowit thame directly and mist hardlie, quhill they come on the great oast, quho seing theare men cheassit, tuik affray and fled altogether. And sua the lord Maxwell, being in flicht lykwayis with sum few of his frindis that bead with him, being vnarmit as thocht he regairded not his enemie, the laird of Johnstoun and sum of his owin name come to him, and the laird of Johnstoun as was repoirted geve him the first strek him selfe; and sua the lord Maxwell efter he fell from his horse was creuelly slayne, with fundrie vtheris of his speciall kyn and freindis; sua sum wer also drounit, and sum war teane and slayne in the cheafe. The laird of Drumlenrick and Clofburne, Boverge, Hempseild and fundrie vtheris barronis of Niddsdeall, being in the lord Maxwellis companie, eschapit werie hardlie with thaire lyfes. This was esteimit ane strenge and vnkouth thing, that in sikk a conflict quhaire thair wes ij^m men, that four hundrethe sould put thame to flicht.

Vpone the xj day of December 1593, the said erle Bothuell, the

laird of Spot and Mr John Colwill wer denuncit to the horne, for non compearance afoir his Majestie and counsell, to have anfuert vpone maist heiche treasoun. Vpone the same day it fortunit fir Robert Ker younger of Seffuird, accompaind onlie with one of his awin seruandis called Rutherfurd, to pas out of Edinburgh homeward to his wyfe quyetlie, quhilkis, in the way of plaine accident, forgathered with the erle Bothuell and ane Gibfoun with him, besyd Humbie on this fyde of Soutray hill; quheare meiting twa for twa, they focht allong tyme on horfback, quhair the laird of Seffuirdis man wes hurt in the cheick, and at lenthe beathe the parteis so weiried with long fechting, quhill they assentit baithe to let vtheris depairt and ryd away for that tyme. Ceffuird come back to Edinburgh, and tald the Kingis Majestie of that accident.

At this tyme letters wer sent out, for chairging sick personis as accompaind the erle Bothuell at his last incomming to the Abbay, to compear befoir his Majestie and counsell at a certane day. Lykas the erle Bothuellis assisteris and fauoraris wer concludit to be put at with all extremitie, and his house of Crichtoun and Ferniheast ordeanit to be rasit and castin down. The same xj day of December, theare come in ane Inglischeman namit fir Robert Karie, sone to the lord Hunisdeane, quhe had no commissioun bot come to pas his tyme.

At this tyme the nobilletie and estaites wer wreyttin for to a comuentioun, for ordour taking anent the baptisme of the prince or princes, and the Queinis Majesteis lyand in cheildbedlear; quhilkis nobilletie and estaitis sould be heir the xj day of Januar nixt to that effect. Immediatlie heireftar it wes concludit that hir Majestie sould ly in Sterling castell, quhairinto scho sould repair vpone the xxvij day of December instant. Sua vpone the xxvij day of December 1593, the King and Quenis Majesteis baithe tuik journey vnto Sterling, and wer the first nicht in Linlithgow be the way; and at thair comming to Sterling

ludgit in the erle of Ergyles houle theare, and fra that in the lady Maris ludging, quhill the castell wes prepared, quhilk wes than in doing.

Vpone the vij day of Januar 1593, the King past from Sterling to Tullibardin, quhair he remanit a nicht and come back to Sterling. Vpone the xxviiij day of the same monethe, theare come in ane embassadour called my lord Suitche, quha gat presence of the King in Edinburgh vpone Sondag the xiiij day of Januar 1593; his commissioun wes anent the perfuit of the papist lordis.

The nynt of Januar, the King come out of Sterling to the conuention, and vpone the morne come to Edinburgh, being the x day. Theare come werie few of the nobilletie or estates to that conuention. The names of thame that war present folowis; to wit, the diuk of Lennox, my lord Hammiltoun, the erle of Mar, the lord Lyndsay, Leivingstoun, Settoun and Forbes, with a few number of barronis, and sum of the burrovis. It wes concludit at this conuention, that in respect the papist lordis had refuit to embrace the act of abolitioun, and keipit not the dyetis appoynted for satisfactioun of the kirk, and depairting of the country, that the said act of abolitioun shold be null and declaired ineffectuall, and that ane parliament shold be proclamit to the xxij day of Apryle nixt, and they summond to abyde tryell of theare conspiraceis, and gif they failyeid in compearance to be forfaited. In the meanetyme his Majestie ellectit ane counsell of the nobilletie present, to quhais judgement and deliberatioun he promittit to stand in all his actionis, laying vpone thame the ordouring and manadging of all his affaires, and the quyeting of all the difordoured estate: quho geve ordour in Edinburgh, sittand in counsell dayly, that the saidis papist erles shold be chairged to ward in his Majesties castelis within ten dayis, vnder the paine of treason. The same lordis wer chairged accordinglie as folowes, viz. the erle of Huntlie in the castell of St Androis, the erle of Angus in the castell of Edinburgh, and the erle of Arroll in the castell of Glas-

gow, within ten dayis, vnder the paine of treafoun, as the letters buir. Quhilk charge they diflobeyit, and sua declaired to have incurrit the paine of treafoun, according to the certificatioun of the letters. The Ingliſche embaffadour vpone the directioun of the ſaid charge paſt to Sterling, quhair he remanit xij or xiiij dayis, to ſie quhat folowit vpone the ſaidis charges, and quhat his Majeſtie did for the perfecutioun of the ſaidis papift lordis.

Vpone the nyntein day of Februar, betuix twa and thrie houris in the morning, the Queinis Majeſtie wes delyverit of a young prince, within the caſtell of Sterling in his Majeſteis chalmer theare; quhilk wes a great comfort and maiter of joy to the haill pepill, and movit thame to great triumphe, wantonnes and play, for beanefyres wer ſet out, and dancing and playing vſit in all pairtes, as gif the pepill had bein daft for mirthe.

At this tyme the lord Vchiltrie read to the Lochwood, and efter conference with Johnſtoun theare, quho had ſuorne and promiſt to him to concur as ane of the freindis in the reuendg of the ſlauchter of the erle of Murray, they baiſthe read forduard that nicht to the Benſchaw, quheare the erle Bothuell and laird of Spot met thame vpone the morne. And theare they all ſubſcryvit ane band, to go forduard in the perſuit of Huntley for the ſaid ſlauchter, and ſuear to go forduard to the reuendge of the ſame, at all occaſionis and with all diligence. Lykas it wes promiſit and appoynted amangis thame and theare haill freindis to that effect, that they ſould meit in Dalkeath, ſecund of Apryle 1594 folowing, and go over to Perthe [to] the reſt of thair frendis; ſick as the erle of Atholl, the erle of Montrois, with theare haill freindſchipis, ſould meit and go forduard vpone Huntlie.

The lord Suitche embaffadour could not be content with his anſuer that he reſſavit at Sterling, bot returning to Edinburgh remanit theare ane guid ſpace thairefter, evir renewing his propoſitionis, and ſeikand

forder anfuer, quhill at last sum headis wer givin him in wreyt, to be fend to the Queine his fouerane, to be advyfit with and anfuerit; quhairvpone he depairted notwithstanding malcontent, vpone the vj of Apryle airlie in the morning.

Vpone the penult day of Merche, the Kingis Majestie come out of Sterling to Edinburgh, vpone ane informatioun sent to his Majestie be chancellor Maitland and sum of the erle Bothuellis vnfreindis, that buir that Bothuellis intentioun wes comming with a force towards Edinburgh; quhairvpone his Majestie came thither, and ludgit within the toun in Robert Govrlayis ludging. In this meanetyme the King being informit that Bothuell, my lord Vchiltrie, and the laird of Johnstoun and theare haill freindis war to meit at Dalkeathe the secund of Apryle, according to ane band set doun at the Lochwood, causit tranell with Johnstoun to draw him fra that societie and purpois; and sua granted him a remissiou for the slauchter of the lord Maxwell, to leave of that course. Quhairvpone the laird of Johnstoun read back to Annerdeall with his haill freindis, and met not the erle Bothuell and lord Vchiltrie at Dalkeathe, according to his band and promise.

Vpone the first day of Apryle 1594 at nicht, the erle of Bothuell come out of Ingland, accompaigned with iiij^e horsemen weill armit, to the toun of Kelso, out of the quhilk the lord Home, Balcleuche and Ceffuird had immediatlíe befor depairted with a force of ane thousand men, quhilkis they had conuenit at his Majesteis command, for persuit of the said erle Bothuell, and quhilkis they had separat for that nicht, seing they saw na appearance of Bothuell comming theare. About thrie houris vpone the morne in the morning the secund day of Apryle, as it had beine reported for suirtie afoir, the said erle of Bothuell come at nyne houris out of Kelso, and lichted in Dalkeithe about fyve houris at ewin, quheare the lord Vchiltrie met him theare, with tuelff scoir tryed men on horiback, all with hagbutis, pistoletis, jakis and steil bonnetis

in gaid accippedge. They refrescht thame selves and thair company in Dalkeithe thrie or four houris, and then past vnder nicht to Leithe, stayed theare with theare companie till about ten houris in the morning, ever expecting for boites to transport thame over the waite; bot that was stayed be a command that wes givin to stay all boytes on the yonder fyde, and tak theare failes and rutheris from thame, quhilk wes donne that theare could na boit mak sayle, nather at Kingorne nor the Queinis ferrie. Quhair of they being informit that wes in Leithe resoluit to have gone back, and awated sum vther occasiounis for that purpois, or elis to have gone sum vther way over the water. [They] pat thame selves in ordour in four troupes, vpon the green on the southe fyde of Leithe foranis the wind mylne, quhilk wes about ten houris afor nune quhen they come furthe or thairby; befor quhilk tyme his Majestie had causit bring sum peices out of the castell, and planted thame abone the Lipperhouse, quhair the heall toun of Edinburgh wer comming out with theare handfeneis in all dilligence. The lord Bothuell, quhois companie wes appoynted theare thair steall, and the lord Vchiltrie and his companie the wan gaird, went theare way in ordour and guid rank throw Lesterrick, bot with ane litle paise into Diddistoun, purpoissie to draw the lord Home and his companie from his Majestie, the toun of Edinburgh and haill futmen: and to that effect went forduard werie flanelie, quhill they come to the hill beyond Nithrie called Edmestoun eadge, on the east pairte thair of, and stayed at the back of the hill. The gaird and the lord Homes company, thinking that they wer gone away, folowit moir rashlie nor wyslie. The lord Vchiltrie and his companie, rancountering thame with ane vther companie of Liddesdale men that folowit efter him, givand thame the charge, put the gaird and lord Homes companie all to flicht, tuik xxx or xl of thame, and hurt some; and sua depairted without forder persuit, and immediatlie send back the prissoneris againe. The lord Homes companie racknit viij^c

men or therby, together with the gaird, being fiftie tryed men, the laird of Weymis, Carmichell, James Gray, Richard Prestoun, my lord Halyroudhousfe with fundrie and dyverfe gentlemen of court, to the number of iiij^{xx} perfonis or therby. The lord Bothuell efter the chairge was given comming forduard, his horfe fell and strouk his choulder bleed out of lithe; fua his companie that wer iij^e and fum mea staved all with him quhill all wes donne. And they, lord Vchiltrie and his company comming back, met the erle Bothuell at the toun of Nithrie; efter they had called for all theare men, and feine that nane wes miffing, they went forduard to Dalkeathe, quhaire they remanit a pairt of that nicht, theare refrescht thame selves and theare horffes, and fra that past the hie way to Kelfo. The greataft pairte of the companie went thither; bot the erle of Bothuell and the lord Vchiltrie, be reffoun of the paine of his choulder, staved that nicht at Langhermestounes housfe beyond Sovtray. And vpone the morne airlie went to Kelfo, quhaire they remainit ane vther nicht, and separat thame selves and past to Ingland.

Efter this his Majestie remanit fum dayis in Edinburgh, in difpelfche of the lord Suitche the Inglifche embaffadour, quho, notwithstanding of all the fair offeris maid be his Majestie to persev the papift lordis, depairted male content. Alwayis he reffavit his Majesties anfuer, in fum headis and artickelis to be fein be the Queine. Quhilkis in effect wer, that his Majestie mycht have hir concurrence and fupport of money, to the fortherance of that actioun of perfuite of the papift lordis be way of deid; and that for efchewing of Bothuelis perfuit in thefe pairtis quhair his Majestie wes not, in the vther actioun for the hendering therof, Boduell mycht be delyverit ather in his Majesteis handis according to the treateife, or vther wayis put out of the Quenis dominionis, or refrainit fra trubling of his Majesteis guid fubiectis, and hendering of his Majesteis intencion to persev the faidis papift lordis.

Heirvpon proclamatioun was maid, commanding all his Majesteis subiectis beyond Forthe to meit him in Dundie vpon the xxix day of Apryle instant.

Immediatlie efter the depairtour of the Inglishe embassadour, his Majestie dispefcht Efter Weymis and Mr Eduard Bruce in embassadge tovardis Ingland and France, to inuite the Queine of Ingland and King of France to the baptisme of the Prince, and to assure the Queine of his Majesteis perseuerence in foloving furthe the headis sent be my lord Suitche; as also to deall with hir Majestie in sum vther effairis concerning the weill of baithe the estaites. Mr Eduard Bruce was appoynted to return with hir Majesteis ansuer, and the vther to pas to France.

His Majestie come from Sterling to Edinburgh, quhair he appoynted preparatioun for the northland read, to be concludit in ane conuentioun than to folow and hald theare.

At this tyme word wes of Bothuelis incomming out of Ingland with greater force then afoir. The estaitis conveinand with his Majestie in the Nether tolbuthe, thocht it meit with advyse of sum of the ministrie theare present, that first his Majestie sould have ane parliament for proceeding to the forfaltour of the papist lordis, then that they sould be perfeit be way of deid; and sua the read staved. The erle of Atholl and lord Forbes wer chargit to compeir befoir the King and counfall that day, for trafficking with Bothuell, bot they compearit nocht, and sua wer denunciit to the horne for not compearance.

In the beginning of Maij, embassadouris war sent out of Scotland to Denmerk, Almanye, the Law countreis; that is to say, Mr Peter Young to Denmerk, [and to] the diukis of Bruinswick and Mikleburghe, and sir William Keath with Mr William Murray to the Law countreis, to invite thame to the baptisme. The chappel royall of Sterling was teane down, and ordourit of new againe, with fundrie vtheris houffis for

the baptifme. The parliament haldin; the erles of Huntlie, Angus and Errol wer forfeited; M'Kleann, M'Conniell, Donald Gorme and fundrie vtheris alfo forfeited. The xv day of Auguft was appoynted for the baptifme, to the quhilk all the nobilletie, barronis and gentlemen wer invited to be prefent.

About the tent or xij of Julij, Mr James Gordoun father brother to the erle of Huntlie, a jefuite, arryvit at Aberdeen, or within thrie myles therto, with fum vther jefuites and papiftis with him; he him felff with twa or thrie flart out of the fchip in the nicht, with theare packettis and vtheris thingis they brocht with thame. Vpone the morne thereafter the toun of Aberdeen apprehendit in that fchip twa Inglichmen, with ane that called him felfe a Fleemyng, quhom they fupponit to bein a Spayneyard, and tuik thame and pat thame in waird. The erles of Angus and Erroll hearing of this, come accompaigned with fevin or viij^m horffes, and craued the delyverie of thefe men committed in waird, or elis awowit to burne the toun. Quhilk they refufit, bot the erle of Huntlie command with a greater force nor the toun could withftand, they wer forcit to delyver thame to him within a day or twa thereafter. Quhilk command to the Kingis knavledge, it was thocht beft that he fould pas in perfone him felffe with his fubiectis fordward againft the erles againe, the xxvj of Auguft nixt; and in the meane tyme geve commiffioun to the erles of Ergyle, Atholl, Forbes and vtheris to pas vpone thame, and hald thame doand with fyre and fuord to his theare comming.

The baptifme continovit to the firft day of September, and the banquet beguid than that famyn day; bot becaufe the Ingliche embaffadour wes not come in to the feird day at ewin, the folemne day wes continovit to the vj day, being ane Fryday. Quhilk day all thingis being maid radie, the Prince wes caried from his chalmer to the Chappell royall be the erle of Suffox and Mr Bowis, embaffadouris

for the Queine of Ingland. The fermoun maid be Mr Patrik Galloway, quhilk being finifchit, the baptifme wes maid be Mr Dauid Cunynghame bifchop of Aberdeen, quho efter the actioun maid ane oratioun in latine. The embaffadouris of Denmerk and Almanye tuik leiff from his Majeftie, being propynit with goldin chenyeis, imbarkit at Leithe four or fyve dayis efterhend; and the Flemifche and Inglifche in lyk manner. The ritcheft propyne wes reffavit fra the Flemingis, wes worthe xij^m and iiij^c lib. togither with v^m leiveris yeirlie to the prence. The Inglifche embaffadouris propyne wes a cupboord ritchly wrocht.

About the xv of September 1594, fure word come to his Majeftie that Bothuell wes joynit with the papift lordis Huntlie, Angus and Erroll, quho levyed fum wadgit men for profecutioun of thair wicket courfes. His Majeftie then refolued to hald the read forduard, lifted j^m men of wear be help of his Majeftie's burrowis, and be fum filuer advancit to his Majeftie vpon pledges. The haille cuntrey being vnder the proclamatioun, fum wer licenciatis to byd at home be reffoun of thair compofitionis beftowit vpon payment of the fuddardis, quhair of thaire wes iiij^c horfmen and vj^c futemen. The erle of Ergyle his Majeftie's leiftenment with his force, being sex or fevin thovfand men, command forduard tuik journey to the northe vpon the xxvij of September 1594, paff in throw Badenioche, affedgit the erle of Huntley's houfe of Ruthuen theare. My lord Forbes convenit alfo his number of xj^c men, awaiting vpon the erle of Ergyle's incomming; and at this tyme the erle of Huntlie and Erroll with theare force convenit at Elgyn, to the number of xv or xvj^c men.

In the meane tyme certane is teane for intercomoning with Bothuell, as namelie James Cochran, Mr Allane Orme, Willie Allane in Leithe and ane John Gibfoun, all execute; John Bartane, his wyfe, young Anftrether, his wyfe apprehendit and wardit.

The King vpone the ferd of October past with his forces forduard to Sterling, myndit to go forduard according to the proclamatioun. Vpone the same day being the feird of October, the erle of Ergyle his force and Huntlie and Errolis met at ane hill syd called Glenleivat, a little beyonde the plaice of Auchindoun, Ergyle the leiftennentis force being vij or viij^e men, and Huntlie and Errollis being xv or xiiij^e men. The chaarge was first givin be v^e horse of Huntleis company, and thairefter bucket be him selfe and the rest of his armie, quhilk wes rancountered be the leiftennentis wangaird. And in that conflict iij^e or iiij^e horse wer slayne to Huntleis companie, besyd xx or xxiiij of his kyn and name, namelie Achindoun, etc. The erle of Erroll schot in the leg with ane arrow, and evill hurt vtherwayis, and ane great number of his companie. Ergyles companie tuik the flicht notwithstanding, and there wes iiij^e or therby slayne, speciallie Lochinyell and his brother.

The Kingis Majestie come to Aberdein with his armie about the xv day of October; and the erle of Ergyle come to his Majestie at Dundie vpone the aucht day, with twa and him selfe, the wether being werie greiuous and vehement. The haill papist earles keipit thame selves quyet all that tyme the King wes in Aberdein, and na intelligence could be had of thame. At that tyme the barronis and vtheris gentlemen quho wer with the saidis earles wer hardlie perfevit, theare escheatis disponit, and cautioun teane that naine vtheris fould refet ather the erles or thair complices. The houlle of Straboggie and Slaynis, with the Nevtoun a gallant house, wer destroyed and demolischt, and the King red theare to that effect in propper persone.

His Majestie remainit at Aberdein v or vj weekis, and depairting for fkearfetie of wiueris left behind him the diuk of Lennox leiftennent, together with his counfall and barronis to assist him, and ane hundrethe wadgit horsmen and ane hundrethe futemen to attend him, besyd the countrie appoynted to attend him continuallie. His Majestie, this

being donne, and caution being fund be certane barronis for keiping guid ordour, depairted to the castle of Dynnotter the xj of November. The diuk stayd and tuik ordour with the haille complayntis of the countrie: and then vpon intelligence that the erle Bothuell wes with the papist erles in Elgyn, he tuik jorney therto; quhaire they wer funderit and dissoluit, and na forder donne theirat. He gat guid obedience, and efter sum courtis haldin theare, returnit to Aberdein againe, quhair he also held courtes, and delt with the erles for leasing the countrie; he stayd to the xij of Februar or theareby.

About this tyme thir thrie erles, Angus, Huntlie and Erroll, met with Bothuell quyetlie at the kirk of Memmure in Angus, and fet down the headis of ane band amangis thame, the headis quhair of as they wer contenit in ane ticket, his Majestie gat thame subscrivit all vnder thaire handis fra the laird of Balwerie, quho wes in companie with thame theare.

His Majestie had ever great fauor and lyking of the lord Vchiltrie, and vsit all meanis and occasionis to perswoid and draw the said lord fra the erle of Bothuells companie; and thinking that the erle of Bothuells meiting with Huntlie and banding with him, sould be ane cheife occasion to move the said lord to leave Bothuell, his Majestie causit fir Roger Aftoun, quho had married a sister of the said lordis, and Mr Patrik Galloway his Majesties cheif minister to wreyt vnto the lord Vchiltrie, and causit send the double of the band vnto him, desyring that the said lord wald come to some pairt besyd Edinburgh, or to the toun of Edinburgh, quhaire he sould be in suirtie till they sould bring the principall band and let him sie it. Lykas his Majestie wes maist willing to pardoun him all bygeanis, and all those that folowit him, vpon condition that he sould not medle nor enter in companie with the said erle Bothuell at ony tyme thereafter, nor nane of the papist erles, bot be his Majesties permissioun and knavledge. Efter the reseit of the said letters

and copie of the band, the said lord Vchiltrie come with all diligence to Craiglockord, quhair Mr Patrik Galloway come furth and met him in the night, with the quhom he come in to the town of Edinburgh; and the next night following come doune to the Abbey, and went vp to ane chalmere abone his Majesties cabbinat quhair fir James Sandelands lay, and staid there quhill Mr Patrik Galloway and the said fir Roger Aftoun come vp with his Majestie thither. Quhair the said lord, kneeling vpon his knees, craved his Majesties pardoun for bearing company with Bothuell with the quhom his Majestie wes offendit, bot for ony euill mynd or intention that he had toward his Majestie or the troubling of his estate, he protested to God he had not, bot onlie the regard he had to his particular for the reuendge of the slauchter of the erle of Murray, quhairin he wes so greatlie interest as his Majestie knew werie weill. Vpon the quhilkis wordis his Majestie tuik him up be the hand, and sayd he knew all that to be werie trew: and vpon sum mae gracious speiches vsit towardis him, they conferred a guid space together in the chalmere, quhair he geve his Majestie full satisfioun according to his hienes desyre, and reffavit ane kisse of his hand, and pardoun for all byganeis; quhilk theirefter schortlie his Majestie geve vnder his hand and seall, and all that folowit him at the reade of Leithe, and went homeward to his awin house.

Huntlie and Erroll depairted of the countrie about the . . . day of . . . 1595. Bothuell lykwayis depairted of the countrie, first passing to Kaitnes, and therfra about the . . . day of . . . 1595. to France, lyanding at the New heavin, and fra that past to Rowane and Pareishe. Angus remainit in the countrie in certane obscure pairtis, and as his Majestie wes informit about Douglas. Quhair vpon his Majestie wreyt to the lord Vchiltrie sum few lynes vnder his awin hand, desyring him as he wald doe him acceptable seruice, to try and learne gif Angus resorted there in Douglas or therabout, quhilk gif he

did, to mak purpos to apprehend him and bring him vnto him ; as lykways to bring twa of the erle of Angus seruandis, viz. Inglis of Breadlie, and Andro Morisoun quha wes steuart to the erle of Angus, quho wer privie to all his courtes at that tyme. According to the quhilk letter, the lord Vchiltrie vsit all diligence, and wes maist willing to effectuat his Majesties desyre as it kythed, in making purpos to have apprehendit the said erle and his saidis seruandis : and being advertist be his spyes that theay wer within Douglas and boundis thair of, the said lord Vchiltrie conuocat together of his freindis and seruandis to the number of twa hundrethe horse, gifing out the repourt that he wes to meit his Majestie vpon some occasioun at Edinburgh ; and sua come ferduard to Douglas, quhair his spy met him, and schew him that the erle of Angus went away that dawing out of Douglas, quhair he had lyene twa nichtes of befor. His man Andro Morefoun wes yit in the toun ; the said lord inuironed the toun, and as he wes rypping the houffes, and fearfching thame, Andro Morefoun went out at the back of the yeard quhair he ludgit, quho wes teane and brocht to the said lord. Breadlie wes comming from Lenrick, as the lord Vchiltrie wes lykways informit, quhom he waited for lykways ; and he comming from the said toun of Lenrick, cheaslit him sum few myles and tuik him, and brocht thame bathe to Edinburgh to his Majestie. And efter they wer tryed, examinat, and deponit vpon thaire oathes all that they knew, there was some about the King, sikk as chancellor Maitland, sir George Home and the rest of that factioun, that wes werie earnest with his Majestie to cause hang thame. The lord Vchiltrie had procurit of his Majestie the custodie of the men ; quhair of being informit that his Majestie wes prest be some about him to have thame execute, sent for Mr Patrik Galloway, and acquented him heirwith as he wes informed, schawing him that he [would] rather have given the halfe of his land, or they men incurrit any denger of thaire lyfes, seing they had given

his Majestie satisfioun be theare depositiounis of all they knew, and he wald be cald bot a burrior to have brocht thame to the skaffold ; he had rather cholen to cutted theare headis of and brocht in, nor to brocht thame alyfe to the skaffold ; desyring him to crave of his Majestie maist humblie the fauour to graunt theare lyfes. The quhilk commissioun the said Mr Patrik Galloway declaired vnto his Majestie, quhair of his Majestie confiddering werie graciousslie the said lord Vchiltreis entres thearin, lykas he had seine him so willing and radie, granted his desyre, and geve the said lord theare lyfes and to put thame at libertie, the quhilk he did werie honestlie. At this tyme the lord Vchiltreie was not aggreet with Maitland and the Homes.

At Bothuelis passing out of Kaitnes, his brother Hercules Steuart and sum vtheris his fauoreris, Mr Allane Orme and certane vtheris wer execute, to the great regrait of the pepill ; for this Hercules was ane simple gentleman, and not ane interpryser. Mr John Coluill was his apprehender, and for that disgracit, because he promisit him his lyfe. The leivingis of Huntlie and Errol wer given to the diuk, and he maid theare awin ladeyis and wyfes intromettouris thairwithe. Angus leaving wes lykwayis given to the diuk, and intromettit with be his awin chalmerlanis. Bothuelis leiving wes renuncit to Cessfurde and Balcleuche, and Coldinghame to the erle of Home, to thair awin houffes and vffes. It wes sayd that thir thrie wer vpone ane course of transporting of the prince from Sterling to the castell of Edinburgh. Johne lord Thirlsteane, being oft tymes seik, recouered now and then ; at last befor his depairtour, quhilk was the [iij] day of October 1595, efter great remorce for his synnes depairted this lyfe.

About the [xiv] day of October 1595, the lord Hereis, accompanied with sum incountrie men of the name of Maxwell to the number of iij^c personis, come to Lockarbie, of purpois to have socht and killed the Johnstons ; bot they wer dissapoynted, for Newwork was left for

dead, and the laird of nether Pollock with xx or xiiij of the name of Maxvell wer slayne, and many teane priffoneris be the Johnstons, to the lord Hereis great disgraice.

About the xxiiij of November, word come that iiij^e failes of Spayne yeardis wer lyand at Bylkay besyd Burdeaux. The King come with the counfall to Edinburgh, to treat vpone maiteris of the reformatioun of the countrie, and the interteinment of his Majesteis housse, the xxiiij of the said monethe. Wappinschawing is appoynted throw all the countrie, in respect of the word of the Spayne yeardis, and great preparatioun for fortefeing of the country, bot litle donne.

In the beginning of Februar 1595, such lordis wer appoynted for vptaking of his Majesteis haill rentis, propertie and casualeties; viz. Alexander lord Vrchart prefident of the colledge of justice, [the] pryour of Blantyre, sir David Carnegie of Colluthie knight, Mr John Lyndsay of Menmure, Mr James Elphinstoun of Innernachtie, Mr Thomas Hammiltoun of Drumcainy, Mr John Skene clerk of register and Mr Peter Young of Settoun maister Almoyare; quhilkis war solemnelie sworn to respect his Majesteis profite and weil in passing of all thingis. They, according to thair commissioun, met togither in the Over tolbuith daylie efternounge, and keipit werie preceise and guid ordour. It wes thocht now that all shuld be weyll handled: they protestit that they socht nothing so muche as his Majesteis weil, and wald have no feall for thair seruice.

: At this tyme the laird of Parbreathe comptroller and the provest of Glenclouden collectour war pressit to demit thaire offices, quhilk they yeildit. Nixt the maister of Glamis wes delt with for the office of the thesaurie, quho being difficile raffavit sex thousand pundis for his guidwill in hand. The said Walter pryour of Blantyre in Merche 1595 wes maid thesaurer, and gat the ordinar feall of j^m lib. includit in his gift; and sir Robert Melwill geve over his office of deputie to the said

pryor, for the quhilk he had composition: sua the pryour was fall thesaurer. In the end of Februar, Mr Robert Bowes come in embassadour for the Queine of England.

About the xiiij or xv day of Apryle, word come in Scotland that Kaleyis was assaltd and wyn be the Spayneyardis, being in number xxv^m men; it wes confermit be ane certaintie immediatlie thairefter. The forme wes this; it wes betrayed be sex merchandis, quhair of thrie wer apprehendit be the leiftennent and hangit, and vtheris thrie escapit; and in the meanetyme, the Spayneyard assalting the toun in the nicht, assurance wes teane betuix the leiftennent and thame; yit the Spayneyard vndermynding the wall blew vp a great pairt of the toun with poulder, and pat many to the aidge of the fuorde: bot sa many as could be had of the Inglishe syd went for manning the citaideall, bot it wes also wyn and they all slayne. This wes in doing sevin dayis. Their- efter theare past ane armie of xxx^m men to Spayne, and pat many to the aidge of the fuorde, wan Cadeise walis and fundrie of the Spanishe schipis with great slauchter. The erles of Essex and Suffex returnit with great spoyles of schipis and vtheris guidis, quhairat great triumphe wes maid, and bealis set vp for joy.

Vpone the xiiij of Apryle 1596, the laird of Balcleuch, accompanied with thriescoir personis or thairby, past to the castle of Carlell, ledderit and clame the walis thair of, and tuik furthe of the same William Armstrang called of Kynmouthe, being theare in priffoun, as takin immediatlie befor be the Inglischemen, at a meiting at a day of trew of the opposit warden with Balcleuche (being lord and keipar of Liddisdeall) and [to] his dishonour as he comptit. [He] cause blaw his trumpet on the hicht of the castell wall, and then brocht the said William away hailcart, slaying and hurting in the meanetyme thrie of the watches of the castell; and yit not weill thocht of be the Kingis Majestie. Balcleuche being accusit heirof be the Inglishe embassadour, it wes

thocht an offence meritting his fying and delyverie quhilk was craved. Always for satisfieing of the Queinis Majestie, Balcleuche was wardit within St Androis, vnder pretext of the intercomoning with Frances Movbray, fugitive for the hurting of William Schaw, and making him his secund in a combat vndertakin betuix him and Young Celfuirde.

About the xx of August 1596, word come quhilk was trew that the erle of Huntlie come in Scotland; quhilk being first obscurit and thair-
 efter divulgat, the ministrie foundit and cryed nichtelie out of thair palpitis thairvpone.

About the xij of September, there was a conuention of certane of the nobilitie and estaitis, quhairat the erle of Huntleyis wyfe geve in in his name certane offeris, quhilkis wer hard, bot reiectet allutterlie till sick tyme as they could vnderstand quheare he was, and that cautoun could be fund afor his incomming in the countrie, for his guid beha-
 niour, in sick forme as it pleased his Majestie with advyse of his Hienes counsell. Notwithstanding thairefter in ane vther conuention haldin at Dumfermling vpon the day of 1596, vnder pretext of ordour taking anent the Princes baptisme, it was minted to be the said erles wyfe againe, bot no thing donne.

The baptisme appoynted the xxviiij of November 1596, without in-
 viting of any strengieris at Halvroudhous. The Queine of Inglandis embassadour Mr Bowes haldand vp the Princes called her lady Elisabethe, efter the Queine his Majestie, and sua was cryed and called be the lyon harrald *Lady Elisabethe first dochtour of Scotland*. Little or no triumphe was maid bot in guid faire and cheir, because that it was in wynter season and ill wether.

In this meanetyme, the Inglishche embassadour compleanit vpon Mr David Black for vttering ill wordis of the Queine, and calling her ane atheist, and that the religion of Ingland was bot the schaw of a rellig-
 ioun. He was thairvpone cited befor his Majestie and counsell,

quheare finding the embassadour fuerue fra the accusatioun, ane vther fummondis wes lybellit aganis the said Mr Daid, quhairby he wes fummondit to compeir, to ansuer vponne sick speiches as he had given out of pulpit within thrie dayis befoir, to wit, that he had publictlie sayd in pulpit, that the papist erles wes come home be the Kingis knavledge and consent, quhairin his Hienes treacherie wes detectit; that all Kingis war deuilis and come of diuillis; that the deuill wes the head of the court and in the court; that he prayit for the Queine of Scotland for the fashione, because he saw na appearance of guid in hir tyme; that he red a copie of a fummondis of suspensioun in the midis of his fermone in the pulpit, repellit and discuft the reffonis thairof, and callit the lordis of Sessioun miscreantis, bryberis and holly glasse, and the nobilletie cormoladis; he calit the Queine of Ingland atheift; and last, that he and Mr Andro Melvill convenit ane number of barronis in Fyfe within the toun of Couper, and maid a couenant with thame to ryse in armis, make ane insurrectioun, and execute sick turnis as they devyfit, and for that effect electit four or fyve captans to be thair conductouris.

This Black vsit a declinatour of his Majesteis judgement, saying it wes doctrine, and that the profiteis and ministrie wer only judges competent to him *in prima instancia*; quhilk passing to ane interloquitour his Majestie repellit, and fand him selfe judge thairinto. Quhairvponne witnesse being calit in and fuorne, certane of the speciales of the counsell wer appoynted to examinat thame the morne thairefter; quhilk being done, and the haill witnesse, being a great number all inhabitantis within and about St Androis, examinat, about xxvj of thame deponit the said Black to be gilty of the haill speiches befoir specifeit. Vponne the quhilk his Majestie, ever inclynit to lenitie, superceidit his punischment, quhilk wes remitted to his Hienes plesour, in hoip that maiteris fould [have] bein takin away and packet vp betuix his Hienes and the ministrie, quhilkis all tuik a pairt in mantenance of that declinatour, be a number

of theare fubfcriptionis interponit thairto. Quhairvpone infchevit a great contraverfie betuix his Majeftie and the miniftrie, his Hienes acclaming to be judge to thame in all maiteris of treafoun and feditioun, and they denying the fame. This Black efter conuictioun remitted to the Kingis punifchment, his Majeftie wardit him beyond the northe water quhill his Hienes declairit his mynd.

Sundrie conferences wer betuix his Majeftie and the miniftrie anent the pollitick and externall gouvernement of the kirk. Maiteris thair of [wer] hardlie reffonit and ftuckin at on ather fydes, quhill at laft, be the minifteris conftant abyding at theare declinatour, and that they wer onlie competent judges in thair doctrine delyverit in pulpit *in prima instancia*, his Majeftie wes heichlie exasperat thairat, and at thear daylie declaming aganis his Majeftie and his counfall, finding falt withe his Hienes courfe in the fauour fchewin to the papift erles, speciallie Huntlie, and impunging his Majefties lawis, actis of parliament and proclamationis, maid anent thair reftraynt from convocation of thame felfes, and with thame the noblemen and barronis of the countrey at theare affembleis and vther tymes, without his Majefties privetie and licence, alledging the fame to tend to a feditioun. Sum of the miniftrie, that wer commiffioneris for the reft at Edinburgh for the tyme, wer chaired and commandit to depairt of the toun. Sum alfo of the tounfmen thocht maift familiar with the minifteris of Edinburgh, to the number of xj or xij, wer chaired of the toun, and not to come within twa myles thairto.

The miniftrie of Edinburgh, incenfit at his Majefties fa hard proceeding as they thocht, geve out maift griuous and vnkouthie fpeiches aganis the counfall; to wit, prefident, fecretar, Mr Thomas Hamiltoun aduocat. Speciallie Mr Walter Balkanquholle ane of the minifteris of Edinburgh, preaching in St Jeilis kirk the xvij day of December 1596, ane euill day for the toun of Edinburgh, maift griuouflic exclamit aganis the faidis counfelleris be theare names exprefte, and aganis his Majefties

course in fauouring of Huntlie, afferming thairby the kirk and relligioun to be in denger, and exhorting his auditouris, lordis, barronis, gentlemen, burgesse and vtheris to repeare immediatlie to the Litle kirk, quhaire the lordis Lyndsay and Forbes, withe the lairdis of Bargeany, Blackwane, Duntreathe, Hatton, Faldounfyde, M'Kleane and fundrie vtheris barronis, gentlemen and burgesse being convenit at his desyre, ane exhortatioun wes maid be Mr Robert Bruce, ane vther of the saidis ministeris, declairing to the pepill the denger quhairin the kirk and relligioun stood, be the returne of the papist erles within this realme, and the fauour schawin to thame; and thairvpone desyrit sick as wer convenit theare to hald vp thair handis, and awow the defence of the kirk and relligioun aganis quhatsoever. Quhilk being doune, sum of the saidis noblemen and barronis, and sum of the ministrie wer directed to the Tolbuithe, quhairin his Majestie wes for the tyme in the ower house, with commissioun to desyre his Majestie, in respect of the denger quhairin the professouris of Godis relligioun stood, to put these counsellouris from him quho geve him counsell to bring home they papiste erles, to the perelling of relligioun and his awin estaite. Quhilk commissioun being dischaarged sum pairt to his Majestie, his Hienes, as the commissioneris and pepill murmured, tuik not the same in guid pairt, bot as ane discontent, withdrew him selfe out of the heiche house doun to the laiche [doun to the] Tolbuithe, and theare convenit sa many togither of the counsell as wer present, to advyse vpone ane answere.

And sua in this meanetyme, as his Majestie and lordis wes sittand theare in counsell at the backcomming of the commissioneris agane, ane fray arrease in the Tolbuithe being full of pepill, quhilk proceedit vpone ane fray that first beguid in the Litle kirk, quhairin ane cryed "The fuord of Gidioun!" and some vtheris cryed "Armes! Armes!" And sua a great number of tounsmen, quhilkis wer thocht maist zealous in relligioun, and hanted in the companie of the ministeris, pat thame

selfes in armes, some in corselets and sum vther wayis. Lykas the lord Lyndsay, lord Forbes and sum of the barronis conuenit in the Litle kirk, and with the ministrie past forduard to the Tolbuithe in ane great companie togither. And sua exclamationis passing throw the haill toun, and all men making to armes, theare fell out ane exceiding great tumult, to the terrour of his Majestie and all the lordis and vtheris with his Hienes in the tolbuithes, bot speciallie the greatest fear of the four lordis, quhilkis wes thocht to have beine slayne, to wit, the president, the secretar, Mr James Elphinstoun, the aduocat Mr Thomas Hamiltoun, and my lord of Menmure. Theare was directit out from his Majestie and counfall theare present, the erle of Mar and the lord Vchiltrie, to the lordis barronis and ministrie convenit in the kirk yeard, to stay the tumult. They had great truble and busines in thaire outgoing, be reffoun of the thronge of pepill; and at thaire comming to the kirkyeard on the back fyde, quhaire the lordis, ministrie and all wer conuenit, some wordis wer wisfellit at the first betuix the erle of Mar and lord Lyndsay, quhilkis could not be quenched a long tyme, quhill the lord Vchiltrie desyred the lord Lyndsay to have patience, and heir the erle of Mar delyver his Majesteis commissioun, as it become him weill to doe: Quhilk efter he did, he returnit with my lord Vchiltrie to his Majestie and counfall, quho wer sittand expecting theare back comming. In this meanetyme the magistrates and honest men of the toun, ignorant of the maiter meanit, comming to speak his Majestie, be his Hienes command stayed the tumult, and commandit all theare nichbouris to theare ludgingis. And quhen the matter wes quyetted, and that the lordis barronis and ministrie that wer convenit wer ordeanit to come down to his Majestie at efter noune, and to schaw theare greifes, the quhilk they promisit to doe, his Majestie past down the Hie streit to the Abbey on fute.

Theirefter the moveris of the tumult, convening thame selfes togither

in Mr Robert Bruces galrey in the back of the kirk at efternounge the samyn day, maid choise of sum commiffioneris, viz. the lord Forbes, the laird of Bargeanie and laird of Blackwane, laird of Faldounfyde with sum of the minifteris, quhilkis they fend doune with sum artickelis to his Majestie to be anfuerit. They held forduard the way, quhill they come to the Abbay clofe about four houris at ewin. The Kingis Majestie, being informed of theare commiffioun and of theare comming, called the lord Vchiltrie, and directit him, as he wald doe him maift acceptable seruice, to move and draw Bargaynie and Blackwane fra that companie. Quhilk he did with all diligence, for these twa men wer his speciall freindis, and brocht theare be him vpon ane day of law, for perfuite of the lord Torthorell, for the slauchter of his vmquhill vncle James Steuart sumtyme chancellor of Scotland. Sua efter the said lord had teane twa out of that companie back to the toun with him, the rest of the commiffioneris, efter a litle consultatioun and advysement with thame selves, separat thame selves, and ilk ane of thame past ane fundrie geat, leavand of thaire commiffioun vndischarged. The same nicht Barganie and Blackwane wer brocht in quyetlie to his Majesteis chalmer, at ten houris at ewin, be the meanis of the lord Vchiltrie, quho wer pardonit be his Majestie, and commandit to ryd home to theare awin houlle.

Vpon the morne the noblemen and barronis in this quarrell separat thame selves and past hameward; some of thame wer called thairefter befor his Majestie, and committed to fundrie wardis, furthe of the quhilk they wer be tyme releifit. Some of the inhabitantis of Edinburgh, thocht buffie on the callay that day armit with corsletis, and delaited as pairtakeris of that tumult, being thocht a treasonable conspiracie, (albeet never sa yit tryed out) wer straitlie put at, and for non compearance some put to the horne and vtheris wardit, bot finally all releifcit and put to libertie home againe.

The four ordinar ministeris of Edinburgh, viz. Mr Robert Bruce, Mr Walter Backanquhell, Mr William Watfone and Mr James Balfour, being chairged to compeir afoir his Majestie and counfall, and to be entered be the proveit and bailyeis, they wer fugitiues and denuncit to the horne for non compearance. Quhilk passing over a long tyme, and sum meanes being maid for restoiring the ministrie to theare awin places, efter the samyn had waiked, and nather preching nor prayeris vlit in the kirkis of Edinburgh for ane great spaice, it wes dresfit with great deficultie, his Majestie standing in werie hard termes with the ministrie, that they sould be restoired to thair places. And for accomplefching of that work, with the resolution of sum questionis debeatable, and thocht meit to be agreed on betuix his Majestie and the kirk, conuention of the estaitis and generall assemblie wes appoynted and haldin in Dundie, beginnand vpon the tent day of Maij 1597.

In this foirsaid tyme, Mr John Welsche minister wes chargit to compeir befoir his Majestie and counfall, for sum speiches vttered be him in a fermone maid in St Jeilis kirk in Edinburgh, within thrie or four dayis efter that tumult, quhilk wes the xvij day of December, and for non compearance wes lykwayis denuncit to the horne, and aganis quhom his Majestie wes heichlie offendit. The lord Vchiltrie delt werie earnestlie with his Majestie in his fauouris, and procurit his pace, gat him relaxit and restoired to his awin plaice againe.

At this conuention appoynted the tent day of Maij 1597, the four ordinar ministeris of Edinburgh compearit in prefence of the generall assemblie haldin theare, and geve vp theare offices, as it wer at the apostles feit, affirming that they sould never serue quhill the diuision of the congregatioun wer maid in aucht, and aucht ministeris appoynted to serue the cure of the same. For that commissioun wes gevin to certane of the ministrie theare, to sie that kirk of Edinburgh planted, with the kirkis of St Androis, Dundie and utheris; as lykwayis to sie

ordour taking with a great diffastour fallin out amangis the clergie of St Androis, quhilkis had devydit that haill cittie in factionis; and a request was maid be the assemblee to his Majestie to concur with the saidis commissiouneris for the better effectuatting of that turne. His Majestie and the saidis commissiouneris of the assemblee, with sum of his Hienes counsell, immediatlie heirefter convenit at St Androis, and displacit fra servyce thear Mr David Black and Mr Robert Wallace ministervis; as lykways, in schort tyme thereafter, iniounit Mr Andro Melwill and the rest of the doctouris to keip theare scoiles and colledges, and medle with na assembleis or presbitereis thereafter; and in end maid choise and placit Mr George Gladsteanis minister theare, thocht weill of and lykit be his Majestie and commissiouneris of the kirk at that tyme, and the haill honest citizenis of the cittie. Efter this the four ordinar ministervis of Edinburgh suitted to be reponit in theare awin plaices, quhilk was thereafter granted.

At the said conuentioun quhilk endit the xvij day of Maij 1597, the artickles folowing wer concludit: first, That the money shuld be cryed to l. s. the vnce; that no forrane gold nor siluer shuld have cours, bot be vsit as bulycoun to the counyiehouse; the counyeis of v lib. peices of gold, and x s. peices of siluer shalbe continowit and strackin without alteratioun; that na Inglishe cleathe shuld be brocht within this realme; that the woll transporting shuld be restrainit; that bulycoun shuld be brocht hame be the merchandis, conforme to the actis of parliament; that the customes shalbe heichtit, conform to the actis of parliament and practick of old; that customes shalbe takin als weill of guidis command within the realme, as transportit furthe therof, quhilk was thocht a noveltie. It was concludit in the said assemblee, that erle Huntlie, Angus, Erroll shuld be absoluit fra the excommunicatioun be thair ordinar presbitreis.

Efter this immediatlie a parliament was proclamit to be haldin at

Edinburgh vpon the day of , quhilk wes fencit and continowit to the [iij] day of [November] thereafter. In this tyme the saidis erles wer absoluit fra the sentence of excommunicatioun, and refavit to the societie of the kirk.

Immediatlie thereafter his Majestie past about the [ix] day of October toward Dumfreishe, for repreffing the insolencie of the brokin men of the west bordour, of that resolutioun not to returne thairfra quhill that turne wes effectuat; as in deid his Majestie did mikle to it. In that tyme he hangit xiiij or xv lymmeris and notorius theifes, and compellit the principalis of everie breanche of the furnames of Johnstoun and Airmestrange, Beattifoun, Bell, Irwing and vtheris to enter ane or twa of the moift notable malefactouris of evrie breanche, quhair of theare wes xxxvj in number, as pledges that the haille skeathes and reafes committed be thame or ony of theare particular brenche, sen the laird of Johnstounis acceptatioun of the wardeanrie, quhilk wes about ane yeir and ane halfe befor that tyme, sould be redrest, the pairteis compleanand betuix and the secund of Februar nixt thereafter; and that they and all thaires sould absteine fra sick insolencie and thift in tyme comming, vnder the paine of hanging. Thir pledges being enterit wer committed to waird in his Majesteis houffe and strenthes, and for the better effectuating of this conclusioun, and keiping of the countrie in obedience and guid ordour, his Majestie constitute theare presentlie Andro lord Vchiltrie leiftennent and wardin over that haille west merche, and geve pover be commissioun to hald courtes of redres for tryell of complayntis and satisfactioun of his Majesteis guid subiectis compleaneris. And for meiting with the opposit wardenis, making and rellaving of redres, and also for suppressing of all forder insolenceis quhatsoever. Quhilk commissioun wes als lairge and ample as any quhatsumever ever granted to ony leiftennent heirtofoir.

This doune, his Majestie returnit from Drumfreishe to Edinburgh,

quheare the said parliament wes begun vpone the [iij] day of [November,] and endit within aucht or nyne dayis thairefter. At the quhilk the saidis erles wer restored, baith be reductioun of theare forfaltouris, and ane act of abolitioun granted in theare fauour. The honouris wer borne the first day as folowis; the erle of Caffilis buire the crowne, Sutherland the sceptour, and the erle of Mar the fuord: the secund day the erle Caffilis buir the crowne to the Tolbuithe, the erle of Keatnes the sceptour, and the erle of Mar the fuord: and in the doun comming from the Tolbuithe efter the restitutioun of the erles, the erle of Angus buir the crowne, the erle of Huntlie the sceptour, and the erle of Mar the fuord. There was a taxatioun of twa hundrethe thovsand merkes granted to the King be the estaites of parliament, for directing embassadouris in Ingland, France, Denmerk, Germanie and fundrie vtheris pairtes. Sundrie actis of parliament wer then concludit, the particularis quhairof I remit to the parliament buik.

The lord Vchiltrie remanit leiftennent vpone the bordour fyve or sex monethes at Dumfreishe, halding courtis of redres, and pacifeing the countrey; he hangit and slew thriefcoir, with the moir of notable thieffes. He geve fundrie decreitis, and in his tyme caufit mak great execution of the saidis decreitis; and keipit the countrey in great quyetnes and guid ordour all this tyme.

About this tyme there was ane assemblie of the miniftrie haldin at Dundie, quhair his Majestie being present vpone the [xxvj] day of Merche 1598, quhair it wes proponit that bifchopis sould have woit in parliament, bot yit the maiter wes continowit. Sundrie greifes wer given in be the foure ordinarie minifteris of Edinburgh, and the presbiteris thair of and thair about, for that Mr Peter Ewet and Mr George Robertfoun wer admitted minifteris thear; yit all maiteris wer weill agreeet. The maiter of the planting of the kirk of Edinburgh wes long dispute betuix his Majestie and Mr Robert Bruce, vpone this particular,

that Mr Robert wald not reffave his admiſſioun to a particular floke be impositioun of handis and ordinatioun, without ane declaratour givin [to] him be the commiſſioneris of aſſemblie, that he had lauchfullie exercit the office of ane paſtour in the kirk of befoir ; quhilk maiter efter many tryſtes wes aggreet and packet vp.

At the diſſolving of the quhilk aſſemblie haldand at Dundie, quhilk wes about the day of , quhen his Majeſtie wes in his returne to Edinburgh, the diuk of Holſten his Majeſteis guidbrother come throw Ingland in to Edinburgh, and wes convoyed the firſt nicht to Halyroudhouſe, quheare he wes reſſavit gladlie, and vſit in all fortis as a Prince. His Majeſtie heaſted to Edinburgh to meit with the ſaid diuk, and at his thearecomming interteined him alwayis as became ; he maid progres out of Halyroudhouſe ower the water of Forthe to Rewinſheuche the firſt nicht, fra that to Balcolmie, Pittinweem, St Androis, Leuchæris, Dundie, Foulis, St Johnſtoun, Sterling, Linlithgow and Edinburgh, quhaire he wes bancketted all the way. His Majeſtie bancketted him in Halyroudhous and Sterling mony a tyme, with great drinking and paſtymes, and with learge propynes.

In the end of Merche 1598, Mr Eduard Bruce commendatour of Kynloſe wes directed in embaffadge towardis the Queine of Ingland, with a commiſſioun to excuſe his Majeſtie of ſum thingis allegit ſpokin be his Hienes in parliament, anent hir proceeding in nominatioun of the ſecund perſone and great ſteuart, in his Majeſteis preiudice to the richt of the croune of Ingland, and to propone ſum vtheris particularis concerning the eſtait of the twa bordouris and twa realmis. He returnit in Maij thairefter, with word that a peace wes concludit betuix the King of Spayne and France, within the quhilk it wes craved that the Queine of Ingland and the eſtaites of the Law countreis ſould be includit, if it pleaſed thame vpon ſick conditionis. In this peace it wes concludit that the inquiſitioun of Spayne and halye houſe ſould be diſchargit, and

not extendit to strangeris ; that all forreneris mycht tread theare at thear plesour without challenge ; that Caleyse fould be restoired to the King of France, vpon the xxij day of Maij foirfaid.

Vpone the xxiiij day of Junij nixt, theare was a conuentioun appoynted to hald at Edinburgh of the nobilletie and esteatis : at quhilk day theare wer present, the diuk of Lennox, lord Hamiltoun, the erles of Angus, Erroll, Caffilis, Mar, Glencairne, Sutherland ; the lordis Settoun, Leivingstoun, Nevbotle, with fundrie vtheris. Quheareat was treatted the headis and artickelis folowing ; for fetting doune a rent to his Majestie for the dischairge of his princelie effearis ; anent the electioun of his defynit counsell remitted to the parliament ; the checker to fit anis in the yeir in Julij allenerlie ; Mononday appoynted a play day ; his Majestie passing to Kyntyre ; the bischop of Glasgou restoired ; anent the scherefis and horneris ; the ordour alreadie set down to stand anent away taking of feadis ; anent provisioun for armour, with fundrie vtheris guid actis.

Immediatlie efter the dissoluing of the said conuentioun, his Majestie past out of Edinburgh to Sterling, and from that to Falkland. His Majestie returnit againe to Edinburgh the xx day of Julij, for ordour taking with the fead betuix the erle of Mar, lord Leivingstoun and maister of Elphingstoun. About the tuentie of October, the gentlemen interpryferis to conqueis the Lewes past forduard in that woyadge.

Vpone the xxviiij day of October, theare was a conuentioun of ane number of the nobilletie, quhairat the counye als weil our awin as forrene was cryed down, to the great hurt of the leidges ; an electioun of the counsell, and ane greatter number of the nobilletie concludit to be wreyttin for, agane the tent day of December nixt thairefter at Edinburgh.

At quhilk tyme they met, and treattit vpon the materis folowing ; to wit, that theare fould be ane defynit counsell of xxxj personis, quhair-

of xvj fould be noblemen, and the rest officiars, barronis and vtheris at his Majesteis nominatioun, quhilk fould fit in his Majesteis palice vpone Tyfday and Thurfdai weeklie at efternoune, and have a pover and auctoritie to command, in quhatfoevir pairtes they fould happin to refoirt, his Majesteis fubiectis makaris of conuocatioun, ryotis or fick tumultis in the countrey, [and] to commit in waird or fyne as they fould think guid. They war firft fuorne, and with fubfcryving geve theare oathes that they fould give his Majeftie trew and faithfull counfall in all his royall effeais, ather concerning himfelf or the weill of the countrey. The names war thir; the diuk of Lennox, the erles of Angus, Caffilis, Mar, Glencairne, Montroife quho wes maid prefident of this counfell; the lordis Settoun, Flemyng, Leivingftoun, Vchiltrie, Newbotle, Fyvie; the thefaurer, fecretar, comptroller, clerk of regifter, aduocat, iuftice clerk, priuie feall, collectour elymoyinare, commendatour of Kynlofe, bifhop of Dunkeld; the lairdis of Traquaire, fir George Home, Carmichell. Thir war prefent, and the rest remitted to his Majesteis nominatioun quhen his Hienes thocht guid. The conyie wes ordeanit to be cryed vp againe in this maner folowing; viz. the vnce of our awin frie fyne filuer to be at liij f. iiij d. and the vnce of forrene filuer to be at l f., and the gold proportionallie according to the fpaices particularlie fet down; wapponfchawingis wer appoynted to be haldin vpone the firft Monondays of Maij, Junij, Julij; the counfell wes ordeanit to tak ordour with the bordour maiteris, fcherefis, hornaris and fick vtheris thingis proponit at the conuentioun. Quhilkis being endit, the counfall helde forduard, and began according to the prefcryvit ordour.

THE FYFT DAY OF AUGUST 1600.

MR ALEXANDER RUTHUEN brother to the erle of Govrie come tymussie to Falkland, quho did informe the Kingis Majestie that certane gold wes fund within the grund in a plaice, with the quhilk he wald on na wayis medle, vnto sick tyme as his Majestie did sie it. Quhair-vpone his Majestie come to Perth to dyne with the said erle, and immediatlie thairefter his Majestie wes conuoyit vp staires, being allone with the said Mr Alexander ; and evrie dur being schut as his Majestie come along behind him, wes brocht to ane inner cabinet, quheare behind the tapistrie wes sittand ane armit man called Andro Henderfoun, of purpois to have killed his Majestie. The said Mr Alexander Ruthuen than began with these speiches to his Majestie ; “ Sir, ye must die, thearefore I will bind your handis.” His Majestie maid anfuer in this form ; “ Mr Alexander, did ever Mr Robert Rollock teatche yow suche lessonis in devynetrie, to bind your Prince and kill him ? No ! no ! I am born a frie King, and thairfoire will not be bund.” And vpon these speiches his Majestie and Mr Alexander fell in wrafflunge ; his Majestie, being strong and assisted with the help of the Almichtie, did bring him selfe to ane back wyndow, quhair thrusting out ane glase

cryed treafoun. Johne Ramsay, by the providence of God, being his Majesteis peadge and truſtie ſervand, hearing his Majesteis word, convoyed him ſelfe to his Maſteſtie, firſt of all by ane privat way and entrie, and did find thame beathe almoiſt without breathe; and ſeing his Maſteſtie in ſuche denger, preſentlie did kill the ſaid Mr Alexander. The erle him ſelfe comming ane vther way vp ſtearis, his Maſteſtie being incloſit in ane litle cabbynit, the ſaid John Ramsay meiting the erle with twa drawin ſuordis in his handis ſayd, “ My lord quhat meane yow to kill ws quho ar ſervandis? his Maſteſtie is killed;” and haſing his ſuord (my lord pauſing at this word) ſtrook him ane deadlie ſtreack toward the heart. As alſo ſir Thomas Erſkyne haſing ſolowit vp ane vther way did keip the entrie.

The report of the ſlauchter of the ſaid erle and his brother went throw Perth, and [the pepill] nocht vnderſtanding the forme, come towardis the houſe withe forces, and cryed they wald have out thaire proveſt; and vpon this ane great tumult aroſe and confluence of pepill. At laſt the King commandit to mak proclamatioun, commanding evrie perſone to thair awin houſe, vnder the paine of dead and treafoun, quhairvpon the tumult ceaſſed. Then his Maſteſtie tuk horſe and red immediatlie to Falkland.

Schortlie thairefter, the corpiſ of the ſaid erle and his brother wer brocht to Edinburgh to the croce thair of, and hangit vp in preſence of the haill pepill. Lykas thairefter they wer baithe forſalted as treatouris to his Maſteſtis perſone. In November thearefter, there was ane parliament, quhairin it was ordeanit, that, as the name of Ruthuen ſould be extinguiſchit in all tyme thairefter, ſa the place of Ruthuen ſould be called Huntingtoure, vnder the paine of perpetuall exyle and baniſchement; and that betuix and the feaſt and terme of Witſonday nixt folowing: quhairvpon letters war directit to the toun of Perth, Edinburgh and vtheris places neidfull, and there publiſchit.

Thearefter John Ramsay reffavit the title of knichthead, with noble airmes devyfit and given be his Majeftie to him and his fucceffouris, as being maft worthie of the fame for his memorable preferuatioun. And this far for the erle of Govreis treafoun, etc.

Vpone the day of Merche 1603, his Majeftie tuik journey towards England to be crouned King theareof; quhair he wes met with fundrie nobles, and convoyit to the Chairterhoufe of Londoun, etc.

VARIOUS READINGS.

- P. 3. l. 22. the xvij day
- P. 7. l. 4. not acknowledgeing the said earle to be principall [of his house]
- P. 8. l. 27. the xxviiiij,
- P. 11. l. ult. accompanied with his estates, raid in his rob royall from his awin chalmer,
- P. 12. l. 5. the earle off Montrose and lord Lyndesay, as commissioners from the lords att Edinburgh,
- l. 20. Aberdeine, Glasgow, Air and Iruing.
- P. 13. l. 12. to 14. mercatt crose of Edinburgh, chargeing the prowest and baillies thair of to stay leving of anie men of warre within ther burghe, without the sight of his hienes speciall licence to that effectt; and to raise and conueane themselfs together in armes for stopping theroff, and of anie of the saids lords forces to enter within the said burghe in armes, vnder greatt paines. Also that same day, there was a charge giuen to the saids lords to depart furthe of Edinburgh within xxiv hours efter the charge, vnder the paine of treasons.
- l. 23. att Sterlin.
- P. 14. l. 19. at Corymochloch.
- P. 15. l. 4. hindmeister of his companie,
- l. 5. of Cesfurdburne,
- l. 6. maistres sake.
- l. 7. The said Taitt was throw rune the bodie with a speir and alayne, the vther was stricken throw the thighe, and little the worse.
- P. 17. l. 9. xx day

- P. 17. l. 14. middle and east marches,
 l. 16. gave ower his office of wardiane, and tuik
- P. 18. l. 8. to be stamped, and to be ginen out againe for 36s. 9d. the 30s. peice, and
 the rest accordinglie.
 l. 16. Mortouns factioun; the lordis Lyndsay,
 l. 29. nane ansuer
- P. 21. l. 25. all persones betuixt lx and xvj yeares,
- P. 22. l. 15. to Mr William Erskin, persone of Campsie.
- P. 24. l. 18. j^m Spainards, there gouvernour named Piese Moreyse.
- P. 25. l. 15. Mr D'Allançon,
 l. 26. worth v^m lib.
- P. 26. l. 4. Newbottle and St Colmes Inch:
 l. 9. and Arbrothe to the lord Obenie.
 l. 25. the xvij day
- P. 27. l. 16. Att this tyme his Majestie appointedt to begine a progresse vpone the
 xxij of Maij, and first to passe out of Sterlin to Tullibardin, and forward throw
 the countrie toward Dunnoter the earle Marchals house at the fardest that yeare,
 and to be accompanied with a sufficientt number of his ordinar counsallars that
 haill progresse.
 l. 17. Upon the xxv of Junij being Setterday, betwixt iiij hours att efternoone,
 and Sunday att ewin thereafter, there blew sic a vehement tempest of wind, that
 it was thought to be a cause that a greatt multitude of the inhabitants of Edin-
 burgh contracted ane vnkee sicknes, whilke was baptised *lyndnes*, and fell outt
 in the courtt and sundrie vther parts of the countrie, so that some people that
 were growene and aged decessed verie suddeinlie. Itt continued with ewerie
 one that tooke itt thrie dayis at leastt.
 l. 27. schipe called the Williame of Leith, from Danskin,
- P. 28. l. 1. lord Drumond's sister. The Kings Majestie past out of Sterline to the
 mariage, and returned therfra the xv of November to Edinburgh.
 l. 4. Allexander Stewartt of Schutingleyis was alaine, being ane of the lord
 Ruthuens companie.
 l. 8. bot stayed be act off counsell.
 l. 11. assyse of his pears,
 l. 14. Allexander Home of Northberuick
 l. 23. sone to the lord Ochiltrie,

P. 28. l. ult. dwelling in Morehame,

P. 29. l. 6. Lochinware,

P. 30. l. 17. a hundrethe men a futte,

l. 21. In this meantyme there was ix^c wadged men on futt and horse taken vp and leauied, vnder the commandement of capitaines.

l. 28. sister sone to the said eairle of Mortoune, and his most familiare freind and seruand,

P. 32. l. 14. the xxij of Maij,

l. 23. sir Robert Crichton of Eliok,

P. 33. l. 2. sir Patrick Lermouth.

P. 34. l. 2. Upone the saxt of June 1581, the earldome of Mortone was disponit to Johnne lord Maxwell, the lordschipe of Dalkeith and Aberdoune to Esme erle of Lennox; lykeas sundrie vthers the said earles lands were dispoined at this tyme. The earle of Anguse past in England as a fugitiue.

l. — the vj of Julie,

l. 3. doghter to the umquhill earle of Athole

l. 5. Att this tyme a parliament was proclaimett to be halden, first at Edinburgh, nixt at Glasgow, and againe at Edinburgh the xxiv of October nixtt.

l. 13. the iij of October.

P. 35. l. 7. and for fortifieing and halding of the castles of Thomtallone and Dowglase against his Majestie,

l. 10. Archbald Dowglas of Pittindreich sone naturall to the said earle of Mortone, George Dowglase of Parkheid, James Dowglase his sone, Malcolme Dowglase of Maines, Archbald Dowglase sumtyme constable of the castle of Edinburgh,

l. 12. Thomas Roresone of Bardamro

l. 13. and all their airmes ryuen att the markett crosse of Edinburgh, according to the forme used against fairfaltt traytours.

l. 17. Itt was spokin that the dooks absence proceedid of ane anger conceaved be him againse the earle of Arran, for some disgrace done to the lord Setone, and sir Johnne Seatone his sonne.

P. 37. l. 24. about seuen houres att ewin, the earle of Arran cumyng to his Majestie, and foirseing that the earle of Mare was laid in his way, he dewyditt himselfe from his companie, and came alone with a page and himselfe to the yett of Ruthuen,

- P. 39. l. 9 sir George Cary knight, sone to the lord Hunsdeine,
 l. 21. the xiv day
 l. 28. he remaned ther aught dayis vpone a faire winde,
 l. 29. ane schip called the lyon of Air, having ane vther schipe in companie called Johne Cokburns, a pyratt,
 l. ult. Upone the viij day of Octobere, the Kings Majestie past out of Sterlin to Edinburgh, and remained att Holyrudhouse: at whilke tyme, a little tumult falling outt in Edinburghe vpone the electione of the magistrats, no harme was done. The occasione of that tumult being reasoned in presence of his Majestie and counsall, ordour was giuene that the same provest, baillies and counsall chosen at that tyme of the tumultt suld vse and enjoy ther offices for that yeare; and that [the] merchants and crafts men amongs whom the tumult raise sould nominatt either of them tuelff men, barons, gentlemen or ministers, of whilke iij of them to be chosin one either syd, to whome they sould submitt the hail wariance and contrauersie amongs them. And incase of ther disagriement vpone the chosin of these men, his Majestie and counsall to be oweirsmen for there vnione and agriement.
- P. 40. l. 10. Newbotle, the comptroller, clerk of Registere, Justice clerke, the master of Glamse, the master of Oliphantt, the prowest of Dundie, the commissioners of Edinburgh, Perth, Sterlin, Hadingtoun, St Androus and Irwing.
- P. 42. l. 20. that is to say, first he sould be conuoyed be the lairds of Loudiane and withers furth of the Blaknes, vpon Thursday in the morneing, to Hadingtoun that night; and fra thence to Broxmouthe, Langtoun or Dunglese, where he sould remain whill he receaued sumemoney fra the King to helpe his furnishing and charges; so that betuixt and the xv day of this same monethe he sould be in Berwicke.
- P. 43. l. 4. Bott all [wer] dissappointed, in respectt he past that same day out of the Callendare to Dumbartane; and before his departing sent Mr Johne Grahame of Hallyards backe to his Majestie with ane letter and creditt, whilke declaired that he was purposed to keip [his] promise, bott was hendered for feare of his lyfe, because the earle of Marre, &c.
- P. 44. l. 11. Lykewayes, the nobilitie and estaitts of the realme to consider what wald follow if grudge and heatred remained so amonge them; in what estaitt his Hienes wald be, and how that strangers wold come in and subdew us in the meane tyme, which the King of France wold be sorie to heire of, and therfoir willed the same to be prevented.

- P. 44. l. 14. Att this tyme there came newes from Flanders, of a greatt conspiracie dewysed and almost putt in executione be the grand Monsure of France vpon the Prince off Orange, the toune of Antwerpe, and diuers vthers in Flanders that were of the [sinceare] religione and meanteaned the same; bot in the executione the same misgave, and the grand Monsurs forces were and manie slaine, and to the number of ij^m Frenchemen taken prisoners; lykeas himselffe narrowlie eschaiped. This was done be the grand Monsure undere collour of friendschipe, for he had takin vpon him the haill gouernementt and maintenance of the protestanes of Flanders, giueinge himselfe out as a cheife professour of the sinceare religione; bot his hypocrisie in this was manefested, and he holdin odiousse to the haill world.
- l. 18. The said Monsure Manyewill remained still heire, and ludging in my lord Seatons house in the Cannogett, had daylie accesse to the Kings Majestie, [to] whome he impairttit his negotiatione at all tymes
- l. 22. In this meane tyme, the ambassadour of France had sundrie secreitt conferences with the earle of Argyle. The earle of Craford vpon the iij of Marche come also to Edinburgh, where he remainitt two or thrie dayis and then depairtitt. Itt was judged at this tyme that ther sould be sume alteratione in the estate, for whilke note was maid of the cuming of the saide two earles.
- P. 45. l. 14. There mett att this conuentione the earles and lords following, to witt the earle of March his Majesties greatt vnkle, Anguse, Argyle, Huntlie, Craufurd, Bothwell, Marre, Marschell, Montrose, Rothese, Gowrie.
- l. 22. the secretare, comptroller, clarke of Register, Justice clarke, Priwie seall and Adwocatt.
- l. 26. viz. the earle of Argyle, Huntlie, Montrose, Craufurd, Gowrie, Rothese, with March, Atholl, Glencairne.
- P. 46. l. 26. and Pettinweyme
- P. 47. l. 9. Nather his comissione nor answer was diwulgitt.
- l. 15. and past then to Sterling.
- P. 48. l. 22. wes, by vertwe of a commissionne direct frome the King, takin and apprehenditt be colonell Williame Stewartt as capitaine of his Majesties guard,
- P. 49. l. 5. notwithstanding of ther priueledge and exemptione,
- l. 28. The Kingis Majestie marchitt forward with the haill forces conuenit to Sterling vpon the xxv off Apryle, remaining in Linlithgow that night, and wpone the morne thereafter past foirward towards Sterlin.

P. 51. l. 1. Upone the xxviiij of Maij, the Kingis Majestie past from Edinburgh to Falkland.

l. 4. About the last of Julie, there wase a meitting apointitt vpon the borders at Fowlden, betwixt the earle of Arrane, and the lord Hunsdene for Ingland, where sune matters wer to be comouned and treated on, towardis ane intelligence to be keipitt and intertayned betwixt themselves. The tyme of the meitting was appointed the xij of August, att Fowldene.

l. 23. vpon the ij of September to Ruthuen

l. 25. with the plange

l. 27. Upone the xiiij day of the said moneth of September, the King's Majestie past from Stirlinge to Edinburgh.

P. 52. l. 2. He returned in Scotland, be his Majesties awin knowledge and vader his Hienes protectione, as it was spokin. In the beginning of the said moneth, Patrick master of Gray was directitt in ambassadrie to Ingland, with ane obscure commissione knowin to none bot his Majesties selfe, and returnitt backe about the beginning of Januarie.

l. 3. no dout be the instigatione of Sathan,

l. 10. James Edmistoun of Duntreath, Jhone Cuninghame of Drumquhassell and Malcolme Dowglase of Maines was apprehenditt; and first the said James Edmenstoun, being examinatt thervpon within the castell of Edinburgh, confessed that he had resaitte ane black Jhone Home in his house, who had broght letters to him from the earle of Anguse and Mare then banished, perswading him to be ane executor of the saide conspiracie, and to instigat wthers his and ther freinds for that purpose. He deponit also, that he revealed the mater to Drumquhassell, who lykewayis confest the same; and he reveiled it also to the lairde of Maines, who vtterlie to his lyfes end denyed the same.

Upone the ix of Februar, the foirsaidis persones beinge putt to ane assyse within the tolbuith of Edinburgh for conceilling of the said conspiracie, the saids James Edmonstounne of Duntreath was asseilyeit because he told the trueth; and the said lairds of Drumwhassell and Maynes were conuict, and hanged att the mercat crose of Edinburgh the morne thereafter.

l. 15. letting his ladie thereby sie in the morning to putt one hir headd, as it was spokin in jest,

l. 17. with x^m men,

- P. 52. l. 21. Att this tyme sir Lwes Ballenden of Auchinnoule knight was directed in ambassadrie to Ingland.
- P. 53. l. 9. in the Latin tongue,
- l. 16. About the last of Junij, the Kingis Majestie past fra Dunfermling to Falkland, and fre thence to St Androse.
- l. 20. and sone in law to the said ser Jhone Forester,
- l. ult. iiij^m people
- P. 54. l. ult. to the hunting of Inchmirrenie, and fra there to Hameltoune, and returned againe to Stereling about the beginning of September. In all this progress the said Inglish ambassadoure accompanied his Majestie. Upone the xij of October, the Kingis Majestie past from Sterling to Kincairdin the earle of Montroise house to the banket.
- l. 13. and lord Maxwell,
- l. 16. vpon the last day of the said moneth.
- l. — pavillions
- l. 24. be Williame Airmestrange of Kinmonth and his followers.
- l. 29. his brother James Stewart of Schillinglaw,
- P. 56. l. 11. opinie in the pulpitt in St Geills kirke;
- l. 22. a barrone and gentleman of the Kings chalmer.
- l. 28. sir Williame Stewartt of Munkland knight,
- P. 57. l. 4. to Kinleith besyde Edinburgh at Jhone Findlaysones house. About the end of March, ther came ane Inglish ambassadoure namet Mr Randall, who had bein heir sundrie tymes befor.
- l. 16. Upone the xxv of this instant, the Kingis Majestie, accompanied onlie with the earle of Marre, cairlie in the morning past ower to Falkland from Leith, transporting ane tame phola deare, propyned to his Majestie be the Queine of Ingland. The Kingis Majestie returned from Falkland, and past the same night to the bankett att Dalkeith, prepared for his Majestie be the earle of Anguse.
- Upone the x of Maij, the said Mr Archibald Dowglass, being accused before the Justice within the tolbutth of Edinburgh, as ane of the speciall actores of the murthoure of his Majesties father, vsed first a remissione for airtt and pairt foirknowledge and conceilling therof, and abode ane assyse for the rest, wherof he was clenged. In that proces ther were great knauery and scheift used; for that part of the earle of Mortouns deposicione concerning him, whereby he con-

fessed that Mr Arthowr granted to him that he was actuallie at that deid doing, was obscured and abstracted. He conuoyed the matter so as he maid his awin dittay, he choosed his ownie assyse, he was foirseene of all to be said against him, and so was absolued most schamefullie and wnhonestlie, to the exclamations of the haill people. It was thought the filthiest iniquitie that ewer was hard in Scotland; and done in his Hienes minoritie he meanes of the master of Gray and Mr Randall ambassadoure, and be the alight and owersight of the counsell, vpon sic suddentie as verie few bot the plott[er]s knew of the matter.

P. 57. l. 19. About the xij of June, his Majestie passing to Falkland directed his counsell to take assurances betwixt &c.

l. 21. and to cause submissiones to be past amongst them to sume of his Majesties counsell, to desyde ther contrawersies amicable.

l. 23. as they did first at Berwicke upone the xxvij of June, to treat upone the redrese of the attempts committed to the greife of either of ther realmes, and how things may be handled to the case of both thereafter; as also to confirme the leage of both the realmes, accorded vnto at St Andros a yeare proceeding this tyme or therby.

l. 27. leages betwixt lx and xvj, to adrese themselves to meit his Majestie or his Hienes liewtennent at Pebles,

l. ult. In the end of August, his Majestie tooke his ordinarie progresse of hunting from Falkland to the west pairts.

P. 58. l. 5. bot itt misgaue.

l. — Upone the xij of September, dame Margaret Scott lady Jhonstounne wreatt a letter to the Kings Majestie, accuiseing Archabald earle of Anguse of a conspiracie against his Majesties persone; wherwpon she being called to ane accompt, she was fugitiue in Ingland, and so itt was esteimed a maliciouse calumnie, tending to seditione betwixt his Majestie and his Hienes subjects, for whilke [she] was called to wnderlie the law, and for not compearance denounced to the horne. Hir husband sir John Jhonstounne of Dunszellie knight knew nothing of hir said letter, and yett charged to enter hir, he declaired he knew not where to haue hir. The carier of hir letter called Gawine Jhonstounne was committed to the Blaknes.

l. 11. with the Lord Heres

l. 16. that the Queein was conuictt and was to be execute, at least was putt to

ane great straitt; alwayis that she remained 1 or 1x myles from London, in the place where she was warded,

P. 58. l. 25. Itt was thought that Francis earle Bothwell sould have passed in this ambassadge, bot Inghland refused to grant him a sane conductt; lykeas the Kings Majestie and counsall thought itt not expedientt therfor, that he being ane of the pears and cheiffe noblemen of the land sould be hazarditt to passe without a sane conductt, and so he was stayed.

l. 28. either for the releaffe of the Queine his Majesties mother vpon the bands and surtie of these Princes, or in caise of hir executione, whilk Inghland first boisted of, to suit the ayde and supportt of these Princes, for the rewenge of that ignominious and barbarous and intollerable creweltie, perpetratt against a Soueraigne and natiue Princes.

P. 59. l. 10. one this maner: "The Lord illuminat and lighten her speirit, that she may attaine to the knowledg of His trueth for the sauetie in saule and bodie, "and preserue hir from the presentt perrell." Some of the ministrie agried to this forme of prayer, thinking it verie lawfull since itt was his Majesties pleasure; and some, especfallie the ministrie of Edinburgh, disassented to pray bot as they were mowed by the Spiritt of God.

l. 18. a man ewill thought off be the ministrie and wthers, to teache in the kirk of Edinburgh vpon the thrid day of Februar, and takes purpose to come to the preching himselfe.

l. 18. least of thy plagues

P. 60. l. 11. pastyme of hunting, vpon the xvij day of this said moneth,

l. 12. youngest sone to the lord Hunmsdone,

P. 61. l. 26. at Seatoune.

P. 62. l. 3. Aboutt this tyme ther came a letter from capitane James Stewart, wherein he solemlie swore that the King wold aither be slaine, or caried into Inghland be the Lords that came in at Stirling, within xv dayes thereafter. His Majestie rewealed the contents of that letter to the noblemen whilke came in att Sterlin, whilke most earnestlie desyred to be tryed therof.

l. 5. Jhone earle of Mortoune,

l. 11. especfallie the Jhonstounes of Graitneyhill, vpon ane old feid as was spoken: that slaughter was verie heavilie regrated.

l. 12. and the laird of Cragie Wallace, to take &c.

l. 16. of Monkland,

P. 63. l. 9. At this same conuentione there assembled the earls, lords and withers following, to witt, the lord Hameltonne, the earle of Anguse, Huntlie, Crawford, Bothwill, Merschell, Montrose, Mare, Glencarne, Rothess, the lord Home, Seatene, Somerwill, Fleaming, Yester, Berthick, Sinckler, the master of Glams.

l. 16. to wit, the earle of Anguse, Montrose, Crawford and the master of Glames, the earle of Mare and Glencairne ;

P. 64. l. 8. to treat vpon his Majesties marriage, to whilk purpose as it was prepared afore, sir Patrike Vane of Barnbarrow knight one of the senatures of the colledge of Justice, and Mr Peter Younger of Seytoun, &c.

l. 23. Efter this conuentione, William lord Yester being desyred be the Kings Majestie and vther noblemen to subscribe a submissione, for remoweing of the feid standing betwixt him and sir Jhone Stewarts of Traquaire knight, he alwayes refused the same, and for that was warditt within the castle of Edinburgh. Wpome the iiij of Julie, the said lord Yester brak warde out of the castle of Edinburgh in the mids of the night, leaving his wife and iij or iiij servants therin.

P. 65. l. 10. Some words fell out att this counsell betwixt the earle of Anguse and Bothwell, vpon occasione that Anguse voittit agains him vpon Crawfurds syde. The day afore, the duke of Lennox buise the crowne, the earle of Anguse the schepter, and the earle of Huntlie the sword of honour.

l. 15. with a sufficient ansure, &c.

l. 16. Jhone Smallett [and] a cavaliere Frenchman, seruands to the duke of Lennox, were aprehendit, &c.

l. 22. About the xij of December, the earle of Huntlie and Merschell conuining to a tryst in Aberdeine, ther was one Keith, a gentleman and kinsmane to the earle Merschell alaine be the laird of Geicht ; for Geicht returned in againe to the toune, efter the earle of Huntlie was a myle or two past furth therof, of purpos to commit that slaughten. Lykas it was supponit that the earle Merschell himself sould then have beine alaine, he dewyse of the earle Huntlie, for the religious cause whilke he sincearilie profest, and whereoff he was a cheiff manteiner. Alwayes the earle of Huntlie, for his purgatione of that slaughten, presentitt the laird of Geicht to the earle Merschell, ewin then within the toune of Aberdeine, offering him in his will. The earle Merschell refusitt to accept him at that tyme, and so repairitt immediatlie to court therefter. The Kings Majestie

past at this tyme to his yule at Innerleith, where he remained thrie or foure dayis, and then past owir the watter to Burley, where the earle of Huntlie mett his Majestie, and conuoyed him almost to the ferriesyde, and then returned backe towards the north. And according to his Majesties directione receavitt then he came again, bringand with him the laird of Geicht and his vnkle Mr James Gordone jesuitt, aboutt the xxv of Januare, and come with theme to Dunfermlinge. Whereatt the Chancellour and wthers att court tooke some frey, and suspected, in respect of the cuning also of the lord Hameltoune, the lord of Paisley his brother, the earle of Glencairne and the lord Hereise to Linlithgow to his assistance, that they had sume practyse towards the subuersione of religione, or alteratione of the present state : and therwpon they tooke occasione to gar keip straitt watches in the toune of Edinburgh, and abay of Holerudehouse. Immediatlie after this, the saids lords that mett att Linlithgow returnit homwards, thinking it dangerouse to repaire to Edinburgh, in respect of the said suspitione. Lykeas Huntlie past to Dunkell, to be gossep to the earle of Athole.

- P. 65. l. 25. taking the houses of sum of his Majesties pryvie counsell,
- P. 66. l. 4. His Majestie tooke purpose to conueine sume of the ministrie of Edinburgh within his awin chalmer in Holyrudhouse, and to send for the said Mr James ; wha cuning before his Hienes, his Majestie declairitt the cause for whilke he sent for him, whilke was for that he vnderstood him to be ane learned man, cume in this countrie for perswading of the people to imbrace the popishe religione, and therefore schew him that his Majestie was dispoisit to vse sume reasoning with himselfe in religione. Wherwnto the said Mr James objectitt, and said that he desyred not to reasone with his Majestie, bot wold reasone with anie vther. The Kings Majestie ansureing promisitt and offered to lay his croune and royaltie asyde, and to reasone with him as he wer a prinatt man : and so his Majestie begane and laide doune sume grounds of religione, whilke his Majestie still obserwed and resoned vpon the space of four or five hours. Sume things were yeilditt to, &c.
- l. 22. betwixt the laird of Boquhene,
- l. 27. the saids lords desyred that the earle of Huntlie might be maid capitaine of the castle of Edinburgh, the lord Claud chancellour, colonale Stewart capitane of the guard,
- P. 67. l. 2. the earle of Anguse, Bothwell, Marr, the chancelloure and vthers

P. 67. l. 8. according to his Hienese proclamations for the entrie of sume persones in England, whilk were fylitt in billis, and releiffe of the pledges giuen in in England be his Majestie for that effectt. His Majestie past that night to Halyden.

l. 10. as the laird of Hunthills sonnes, and the lard of Greinheids, Corbett, Overtoun and wthers, being all speciall men, to the greatt mislyking of the borderers, for they declairitt themselves altogether vnable to pay the billis they wer fylitt in, yea if they wold sell all the heretage they had.

l. 21. and be the way past into the laird of Basse house the Beill and Seatone, and so returnitt to Edinburgh the ij of Maij.

About the xvj of the said monethe of Maij, proclamations was made, commanding a grypt force to be in readines to pas forward with his Majestie or his Hienes leutennent where they sould be commanditt, vpone sax houres warning, vnder the paine of treasons. Whereupone the second proclamations followed, to meitt his Majestie pairtlie at Edinburgh and pairtlie at Damfries, vpone the xxv and xxix dayis of the said moneth, furnished in most substantiall maner with twentie dayes prouisions.

P. 68. l. 22. both the galschot

l. 27. His Majesties selfe cryed wp the meane tyme to Mr David Maxwell to render the house, whilk he alwayis refusitt.

P. 69. l. 12. who for his miserable behaviour was be the commone people baptised *Mr Mushokides* thereafter.

l. 23. Wpone the last day of the said moneth, his Majestie came from Falkland to Edinburgh, and remainitt two dayis in the Chancellours ludging, and then returnitt to Falkland.

P. 70. l. 12. In the end of the same moneth, ther was foure bands of men of ware leuied be the toune of Edinburgh, whilke awaitit vpone the Kings Majestie night and day.

l. 18. he depairtitt backe againe within viij dayis thereafter, vpone the word off the earle of Leicester his consigne.

l. 21. The same scheips were sinderitt be ane stratageme of ware vsitt be the Inglish nawie speciallie; they fyret ane old schipe, and sett hir on the Spanishe nawie, whilk dewydit theme ewerie one from anither.

l. 23. In the foirend of October, ane of the said great schips wer drywin in at the Muill of Kintyre, wherein were v^c men or therby: shoe caried thriescore brassen peices in hir, besydes wthers, and great substance of gold and silwer.

The same gryte schipe, with two or thrie hundreth men in hir, was browin vp with powder suddenlie taking fyre therin, be the meanes of ane of ther awin [people.]

P. 71. l. 3. Lykeas his Majistie promised that no respect nor remissione should be granted for anie sick crymes, and that sic as obtained respeits or remissiones of before should not be hard to sese the same, without satisfaction of the perties greaved and compleaned; and ordained all persons to be present, and give in ther complaints at the tyme appointed, as they wold be serwed.

l. 25. Certain persones wer nominate and apointed be his Majestie and estaits, to consider of sic articles and propositiones as were sett doune at this conuentione, and to conueine for that effect the xix of December in Edinburgh, and to report ther diligence at the next conuentione appointed the first day of Januare nixt, to the whilke the conclutione of all things were deferred. The Kings Majestie raid to Dunfermeling wpone the last of Nowember, and there the conuentione dissolved.

P. 72. l. 10. that he and the heall catholicks heir were sorie of the misfortune of his armie, and that they might sauelie haue arryved in thire pairts, and sould haue had assistanes of all that wold haue done for him, and sick wthers of the nobilitie; desyring the King of Spaine heirwith to send in heir onlie one armie of vj^m men, wha, with his assistaneces and wthers of Ingland and Scotland, sould weill serue his tourne: and that he was constrained &c.

l. 18. jesuite called Bruce,

l. 20. The duik of Lennox and sume of his friends past to seike the same gold in the Callendare, bot found no sic thing.

P. 73. l. 17. Wpone the xxiv of this moneth of Merch, ther was a Scotsman named Pringle, serwant to colonell Simple, (wha was the carier of the foirsaid letters intercepted) sent heir out of Berwick, and beinge accused therwpon he was committed in ward on the morne thereafter. The same Pringle and ane Forester were bothe accused toucheing the said letters, and nothing had of them.

P. 76. l. 3. he had beine keiped in the place of Achindoune.

P. 78. l. 8. Att this tyme his Majestie begaine and past to Falkland and Burley, being the xv of this monethe, and before that tuik occasione vpon incidentt to passe first to Hammeltoune, to the baptising of the lord Hammeltounes sone, and from thence to passe northward to his intenditt journey.

l. 25. to his ordinarie pastyme of hunting to Inchmirrine. Wpone the xxvj of

August, his Hienes came back to Sterline again, where ther was a cennuentione of sume of the estaits, appointed for sick maters as concerned the weill of his Majestie and countrie.

P. 79. l. 5. Wherewpone at his Majesties dorectione fasting and praying wes usitt in Edinburgh, for hir sauetie and preseruatioun. It was there sapponeit that she was dung in in Norway.

l. 6. and fra that come to Craigmiller.

l. 24. And that also colonell Stewartt past backe to Denmark, to purches commissione to hir Hienes admirall and counsell to cum forward to Scotland, ather in ther awin schipes or owers that were ther.

l. 28. the chancellour, justice clerke, the collectoure, the lord Dingwell, the laird Barnbarro, sir Williame Keith and Mr Peter Younge.

P. 80. l. 17. to witt the earle of Anguse, Mortoune, Marre, the master of Glames, the abbut of Newbatle, the comptroller, clearks of registere, sir Robert Melwine (wha was constituit vice chancellour), together with the lords of the sessione, when matters off consequence comes in hands.

P. 82. l. 17. sir Johne Carmichael of that ilke, being one of his Majesties prims counsell.

P. 83. l. 5. and Marre, the lord Home and Dingwell, the officers of estaitte and sessione, with the hail honest men of Edinburgh, Leith and Cannogett in armes.

l. 8. for the coronatione of the Queins Majestie.

l. 9. Piter Monk the admirall of Denmarke, Stephen Bra capitene of Elsinburgh, Braid Ransom Magarett, Nicholas Theopolus doctor of the lawes, and Henrie Goodlister capitane of Bochestle, as principall and of the counsell of Denmarke, and one William Vandervant, who was appointed to waitt wpone hir Majestie,

l. 18. They past the first night owere the watter to Wasterweimes, where they were weill entertained; on the morne thereafter to Falkland, where they were receaved and banketted be the laird off Creiche at dennere, and raid to there supper at Newhouse, the earle of Mortons hous; and dined on the morne in Dunfermlinge, and suppit in Nidrie where they rested that night; and one the morne read to Lithgow where they dynet, the bankett there being maid be the justice clerk; they tuik seasinge and returned that same night to Halirudhouse. Ther charters and seasinge were all maid readie, and past vnder his Majesties great seale, with the sealls of the hail nobilitie and estaits conveined

to the coronations, together with the seals of xvij or xvij knights whilk were maid at the said coronations, and all delyvered to them.

P. 83. l. 19. Quhilk coronations was solemnised the xvij day with great triumphe within the Abbay kirke. Hir Majestie was annoited with oyle, and the crowne sett vpon hir heid efter manie circumstances, be Mr Robert Bruce and Mr David Lyndesay minister, with the chancellour beareing the nake theroff; wha was then maid lord off Thirlstaine. The Kings Majestie came first to the place of coronatione, with the crowne borne afore his Hienes be Lodowicke duke of Lennox, the schepter be Jhone lord Hamelstoun, and the sword of honour be William earle of Angus, with the heralds and trumpets as the vse is. The Queins Majestie followed in within a little space efter, and the crowne [was] allenarie borne before hir be Jhone lord Thirlstaine chancellour. Hir Majestie was convoyed be the principles of the Dences and some of the nobilitie, together with a greatt number of noble and gentlemen. Mr Patrike Galloway minister at Perth maid first the sermone, Mr Robert Bruce maid ane exhortatione to the people in hir Majesties name, declaring that he had receavt hir oath, and desyred the people to hold vp ther hands as ane signe of ther obedience, as they did. Mr Andrew Melwill maid ane harangue in Letin, and then they proceeded to the circumstances of the coronations.

l. 26. Wpone the xix day of the said moneth, the Queines Majestie maid hir entrese in the toune of Edinburgh in hir coache, quhilke was brawellie dressed. Hir Majestie, accompanied with a number of the noblemen, Dences and vthers, past out of Halirudehouse be the southe syde of the cannogett vp be the parke dyke, and then tuik the way that passes platt west, and came in againe at the west port, where hir Majestie was receauied efter a certaine speache maid, and delywerrie of the keys as vse is, vnder a waill, and convoyed throw the hail toune to the Abbaye: where ther was xliij younge men of the toune, cloath-ed in white taffetie and cloath of silwer, all full of chaines of gould and blake waifroins in forme of Moors, that danced before hir Grace all the way.

P. 84. l. 26. the duke of Parme, with xx^m men of his awine,

l. 27. teune of Corbat within xvj legis of Parise,

P. 85. l. 24. bruntt vpon confessions of hir witchcrafts, and the melling with the dewill, bet yett died well. The rest was keiped still, and daylie examined be his Majestie, the counsaill and some of the ministrie.

P. 86. l. 9. the toune of Charters, a strong toune, and the cheiffe toune that furnish-

itt Parise, (and wherein the haill riches of Parise was putt in sure keiping,) was assaulted &c.

- P. 86. l. 17. Wpone the xxiv day of the said moneth of Junij 1591, the earle of Bothwell was forfaitt and declaired traittoure at the merkatt croasse off Edinburgh, for certaine crymes of treasone till his Majestie, whereof he was conviott of before, and for whilke he became in the Kings Majesties will, to witt, for cuming against his Majestie at the brige of Die. Wpone the morne thereafter, the Kings Majestie past to Perth, wherin vpone Thursday the pennult of the said moneth of Junij, the Queins Majestie maid hir entree. Wpone the xxvj of Julij about four hours at night, the said earle Bothwell, accompanied with saxtein horsmen, came vp to the netherbow,
- P. 87. l. 4. About the midst of the moneth of December, word came heir that the Prince of Parme was borne doune in France; and that the King of France was to rancountere him on the fronteiris of France with viij^c horsmen, all noblemen and speciall gentlemen of his court; and that ther was ane armie of xxx^m men lyand about the toun of Rowane, which was att a straitt pointe and lykeliie to be randered.
- l. 25. Williame Stewartt of Schutingleyes,
- P. 94. l. 14. the lord Hameltounne, the earle of Argyle, Merchall, Marre, Glencairn, the lord Seatone, Lyndesay &c.
- l. 16. Frances earle of Bothwell, James Dowglase off Spotte, Archbald Wauchwp of Nidrie younger, James Hameltounne younger of Samuelstounne, Williame Stewartt of Schutingleyis, Patrick Crombie of Carrubir, George Auchincraw of Bestounne, with wthers complices to the number of xvij persons, for the Raid of the Abbay.
- P. 95. l. 7. and fra thence past to Dumfries, warning the haill companie be proclamations to accompanie him.
- l. 12. Burley and Bogie,
- P. 96. l. 19. Wpone the iiij day of September, the duike off Lennox and the lord Home past towards Kelso, for vptaking of the mailles and dewties of Kelso, (and especiallie of the teinds of Sprustounne, wherewnto the laird of Sesfuird younger pretenditt right); and that be vertwe of ane letter of factorie, grantit to the duike for that effect, and for inbringing of the same to his Majesties use.
- P. 97. l. 14. Whilke proceeditt off sum intelligence the Kings Majestie had of the earle Bothwell [having bein] ressait be the laird of Pherniheirre and Hundhill,

and in the toune of Jedburgh be the prowest therof callitt Ratherfuird, Alexander Geywill and ane Kirtoune the butler therof.

P. 98. l. 12. viz. Treyis, the Glen, the house of Drywp; bot the offenders came in att Jedburgh, and so their houses wer saued. Thomas Stewart brother to James Stewart of the Tynnies, the laird of Whythauche and his sone Andrew were these that came in ther. The dooke raid with a great force in Liddisdail, and then out of Jedburgh for casting doune of the house of Whytehauche, bot the incuminge of Whytehauche mowed it to be saued.

l. 14. His Majestie returned out of Jedburgh about the xx day of October foir-said. In the beginninge of Nowember, sundrie of the outlawis came in, to witt, the laird of Nidrie, Williame Stewartt callit the constable, George Auchincraw of Restoune, James Jhonson callitt of Drumringrig, with sundrie wthers to the number of xij or xiiij, whilke were all at the Raids of the Abbay and Falkland.

l. 15. to 20. Att this tyme, ther fell out a great truble in the north, for Malcolme Toshe had slaine v or vj of the earle of Huntlies men in Glennuck in the Bræ of Mar. Immediatelie heirefter the earle of Athole with a great force past to Tarnwall, (the earle of Huntlie remaining att Strabogie) of intencion, be the force of the earle of Argyle, the lord Lowat, Malcolme Toshe, Makensie, and sick wthers [as] had thair [men] in reddines and were sworne, to be rewengitt on the earle of Huntlie for the murthor of the earle of Murray, and to persewe Huntlie and all his [freinds] with fyre and sword. Makintoshe past to Strabogie, and slew xxxiiij men or therby of the earle of Huntlies.

P. 99. l. 27. wha was lying ther in readines to depairtt to Spaine, in Robertt Jamesones schipe of Aire at Fairlie raids. In the whilke schipe his letteris were also gotten in ane mariners kist, within the sleiwis of the same mariners sarks.

P. 100. l. 5. In this meantyme the Kings Majestie and Queine was in Tullibardyne, and in Alloway the earle of Mars house at the bankett at Yuill and at Nursemes; and vpon the newes his Majestie cam in all haist to Edinburgh

l. 10. sould be tryed be torture in the bootis; sume of the counsall, speciallie the laird of Ormistoune justice clerke and Mr Williame Hart justice depute, wes appoynttitt to sie him torturitt. Wha, being minassitt be his freinds, sturred to put him in the bootis, whill &c.

P. 101. l. 1. There was a fashione of a justice courtt proclaimed and haldin in Aberdeine: bot it was little till effect in respect of the shortnes of the tyme, and that things that should have proceided wer omittit and left undone.

- P. 101. l. 22. calling heirwith to remembrance, that the tyme of the Spanish nauie making for Ingland there was ane ambassadeure sent in heir, crawling our assistance in withstanding of them strangers to land in this iland; who for the same, in hir Majestie and counsalls name, offeritt to nominatt the Kings Majestie our maister, Second Persone of Ingland; to make his Hienes Prince of Waiills, and manie sic vther faire offers were made. Bet seing God fought the battell, and disoppointit that interpryse, the offers were past frie, and his Majestie therby scuffit, by alledging that that ambassadeur transcendit the bounds of his commissione, and meritit to be hangitt.
- P. 102. l. 2. The same tyme also, ther was a justice court proclaimed to be haldin at Hadingtoun the iij day of Maij nixt, wherein all offendars within the shirref-dome of Edinburgh, constabularie of Hadingtoun, Berwicke and Lauderdaill wer summoned. Vpone the xx of Apryle, ther was M'Coule of Dum-naldisch, with v or vj vthers with him his seruants, callit before the counsell for the murther of the laird of Caddell, who wer wairdit in Edinburgh whill the tryall.
- l. 5. At this tyme ther came ane Denie ambassador callit Stewin Beill, who deeyred the performance of sune heids of the contract past betwixt ther Majesties at ther mariage.
- l. 15. whilkis were the lord Hammeltoun, the earle of Morteune and Mare, the lord Heme, Forbes, Vohiltrie, Sinclaire, Spynie, with sune bischops, abbottis, and sune commissioners of Barrowes. His Majestie was never so simpillie accompanied at a parliament.
- l. 22. The earle of Bothwell was foirfaule ewer againe and his airmes ryuin.
- P. 104. l. 8. viz. the dooke of Lennox and the lord Hammiltoun, the earl of Glen-cairn, Montrose, Morteune, Mar, the lord Livingstoun and Lyndesay, with the officers of the estate, and the commissioners of the burrowes of Edinburgh, Stirling, Linlithgow, that &c.
- l. 23. The dooke of Lennex past from Falkland to Bricheine to the earle of Mar at the same tyme, and left his Majestie onlie accompanied with the lord Home, the laird of Carmichaell and sir George Home. His Majestie wpone the xxj of September past from Falkland to Linlithgow. The said earl of Bothwill remainit this tyme in Edinburgh.
- P. 110. l. 24. and a great number hurt in the face, whilke was called a *Locorbis like*; speciallie the laird of Newark Maxwell was all magilled on the face, and left for deid.

- P. 112. l. 5. viij of the same monethe,
 l. 6. lord Zouche
- P. 115. l. 28. xij or xiiij
- P. 118. l. 3. The counsall, sundrie of the noblemen and vthers were of the oppinione that the solempnizatiōne of the baptisme could not be ther in Sterling, because strangers could not be so weill ludgitt and interteinit as were requisite, bot yit his Majestie wald have it ther; and so great preparatiōne wer ther of all things, and messages and directiones sent in all pairts of the cuntray for propynes.
 l. 14. with the young laird of Bonitounne,
- P. 119. l. 9. worth v^m crownes, as was thought.
 l. 21. house of Rothiemay.
- P. 120. l. 18. The said earle discoursitt the haille maner of the battell to his Majestie, and signifiet therwith that he was betrayed by sume of his awin companie.
 l. 26. Great watches were keipit be his Majesties wadgit men in the said tounne, wherein his Hienes remanit &c.
 l. 27. and sir Robert Melwill of Mordakarny knight and sir John Carmichell, two of his Majesties counsall &c.
- P. 121. l. 15. Whilke in effect were, that they shall take ane compositione of ther estaits be counnone consent; that all things shall be ordourit and doune be counnone adwyse and consent; that they shall take ane aifauld pairt, euerie ane with ane wther, in all causes; that the earle of Huntlie, Anguse and Erroll, and the laird of Auchindewne, all excommunicate catholicks, shall not be trublit criminellie nor ciuillie for ther conscience and religione; that assurance shall stand and be inviolablie keipit betuixt the earle of Huntlie and Bothwell, the lord Vchiltrie till the young earle of Murrey cum to the age of xvij yaires; giue anie particular quarrell shall chance betuixt anie of the subscriuers or amongst ther freinds, the contrawersies shall be subject to the decisione of the rest, or to anie two maist newtrall, chosin be counnone adwyse; that none shall be retaint in court nor broght in, bot sic as shall be allowitt be the haille; that none shall take or except anie preferment or office, bot be the counnone adwyse of the rest of the subscriuers; that the earle of Huntlie makand offeris for the earle of Murrays slaught, be the adwyse of Anguse, Erroll, Balwiry and Spott, together with the earle of Cathnes shall be sufficient, and gife the bairne at his perfytt age shall not except the samen,

the earle of Bothwell and Wchiltrie shall refuis to take his pairt in persewing that slaughtre: subscryvitt on the margin.

P. 124. l. 15. Mr Jhone Colleny.

l. 22. Cesfurde and Buclengh became courtiers awchyle be the meins; bot wealth and pryde that spoills all disgracitt thame sume pairt againe; for it was then spoken that they were vpon a cours with the Queine for the transporting of the Prince from Sterling castle to the castle of Edinburgh, and that the chancelere and the master of Glames were with them vpon that plott. The Kings Majestie past in his progresse to the west towards Inchmirrine according to his custome, upon the xv day of August 1595. Before whose retorne there was a greatt bruite of the prosecutione of that course, and alteratione of courtt. His Majestie returned from that to Falkland the x of September.

l. 26. to the regraite of a greatt number of people; for be his wisdom he did prewent and cast off manie greatt inconvenients lykeli to have come vpon the King and countrey.

The Kings Majestie remaining at this tyme in St Jhonstoune come therfra to Dunfermling, and then to Linlithgow, leiving the Queins Majestie at St Jhonstoune. Hir Majestie followit within aucht dayes thereafter, and so ther Majesties remainit together at Linlithgow vntill the xxiiij day of Nowember; and then his Majestie past to Edinburgh, where ther was ane conuentione of his Majesties ordinar counsall appointit to take ordoure anent his house, and the disorderitt estaitt of the west border.

P. 125. l. 10. as commonlie Scottsman looks for no perrell nor preisses to put ther hand to worke, bot whill they are straittit and vpone suddenties.

P. 127. l. 20. Vpon the xix day of Septembor 1596, the Queins Majestie was delyueritt at Dunfermling of the Princes Lady Elizabeth.

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P. 139. l. ult. In the end of the moneth of Januarie hereaftir, the said earle of Montrose was maid chancelloure of Scotland be the meanes and help of some of his Majesties counsall and cubikulars. About this tyme Mr Jhone Lyndesay of Manmur demitted his place of secretarie, in fawours of Mr James Elphinstoune of Barntoune, who was then maid secretaire. The bischope of Glasgow in France, Beatonne, was restored to his offices and benefices be ane act of the estaits, and authorized with commissione of ambassadrie for his Majestie in France.

There was ane vther conuentione appointed to hold heir at Edinburgh, vpone the first of Apryll 1599; wherein ther was a contract past betwixt the Kings Majestie and gentlemen venturers towards the Lewes, vpone certaine conditi-ones, speciallie, that sufficient securitie being maid to them therof, they should pay to his Majestie sewin scoire chalders of beare yairelie. And vndertaking the journey toward the Lewes in the end of October the same yeare, accompanied with v or vj^c men vnder wadges, besyde gentlemen woluntars, throw the coldnes of the ile, the lake of ludgeinge and vther enterteinment, a number of them died of the fluxes. And the laird of Balcombie and his cumpanie, passinge in ane boate out of the Lewes towards Orkeney, were intercepted be the way be sune hilandmen supposed to be Mackenzeis men, be whome sune of Balcombies men was alaine, and himselfe takin and deteined captiue, and so hardlie vssed, that be deadlie disseases contractit he deceasit in Orkney after he was sett at libertie. Be the meanes of ane speciall hielandman off that ile, there were ten or twelfe apprehendit of the speciall withstanders of that interpryse, and beheidit, and ther heids sent heir in a pok to Edinburgh, which were sett vpone the ports therof.

In the moneth of Julie 1599, ther arryued heir ane ambassadoure from France named Monsure Byron, brother as was said to Monsure de Byron great treasurer of France, with the traine of xvij or xx in companie. He repaired to his Majestie, and had presence at Falkland where his Hienes was at hunting, and where his Majestie reteained him still in his cumpanie in his passing to the west and vther parts, and thereafter at his departour propyned him with a rich cuipbuid. He touik his passadge be seaward, bot [be] the storme of weather was dunge in at Yermouth Raid, and forced to take jurney therfra be land. His commissione was keipit secreitt, and onelie suppoised to be the renewing of the league betwixt France and his Majestie, and a beginninge of a greater familiaritie betwixt them then had beine. His Majestie sent horse and hunds to the Kinge of France be this same ambassadour.

A conuentione of the estaits was holdin at Edinburgh vpone the x of December laste, where motione was maid concerning the supplie of his Majesties necessars, be a taxatione to be lifted of the subjects forestallers of markets and vthers; whilke beinge mournmoured against, the maitter was delayed to a

more frequent conuentione of the estaits, appointed the xxvij day of March 1600. Att the whilke conuentione, the beginniage of the yaire was altered be act and proclamatioue, from the xxv of Marche to the first off Januarie, at whilke day the yeare [was] heirefter ewer to begine, and so to be rackonned.

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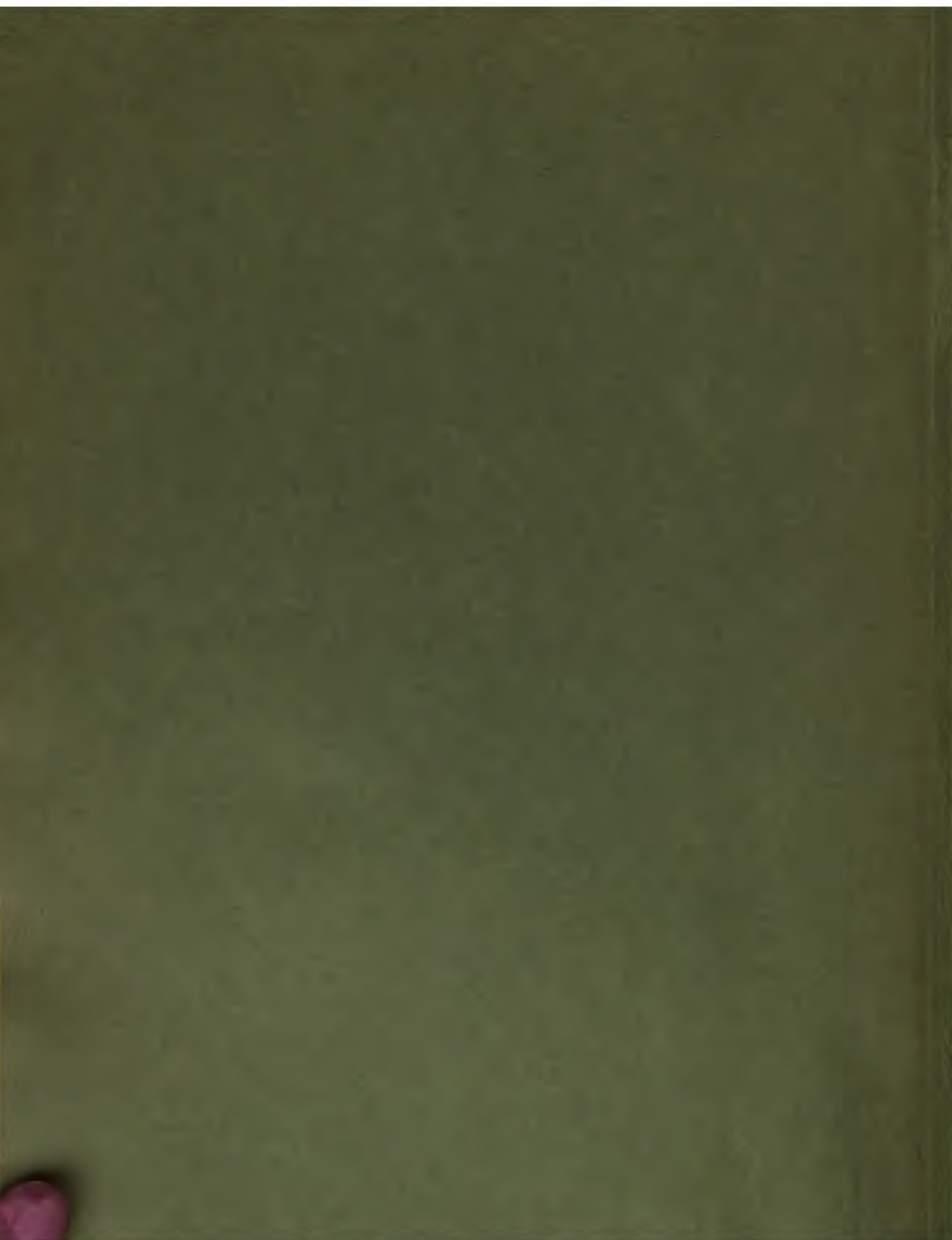
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